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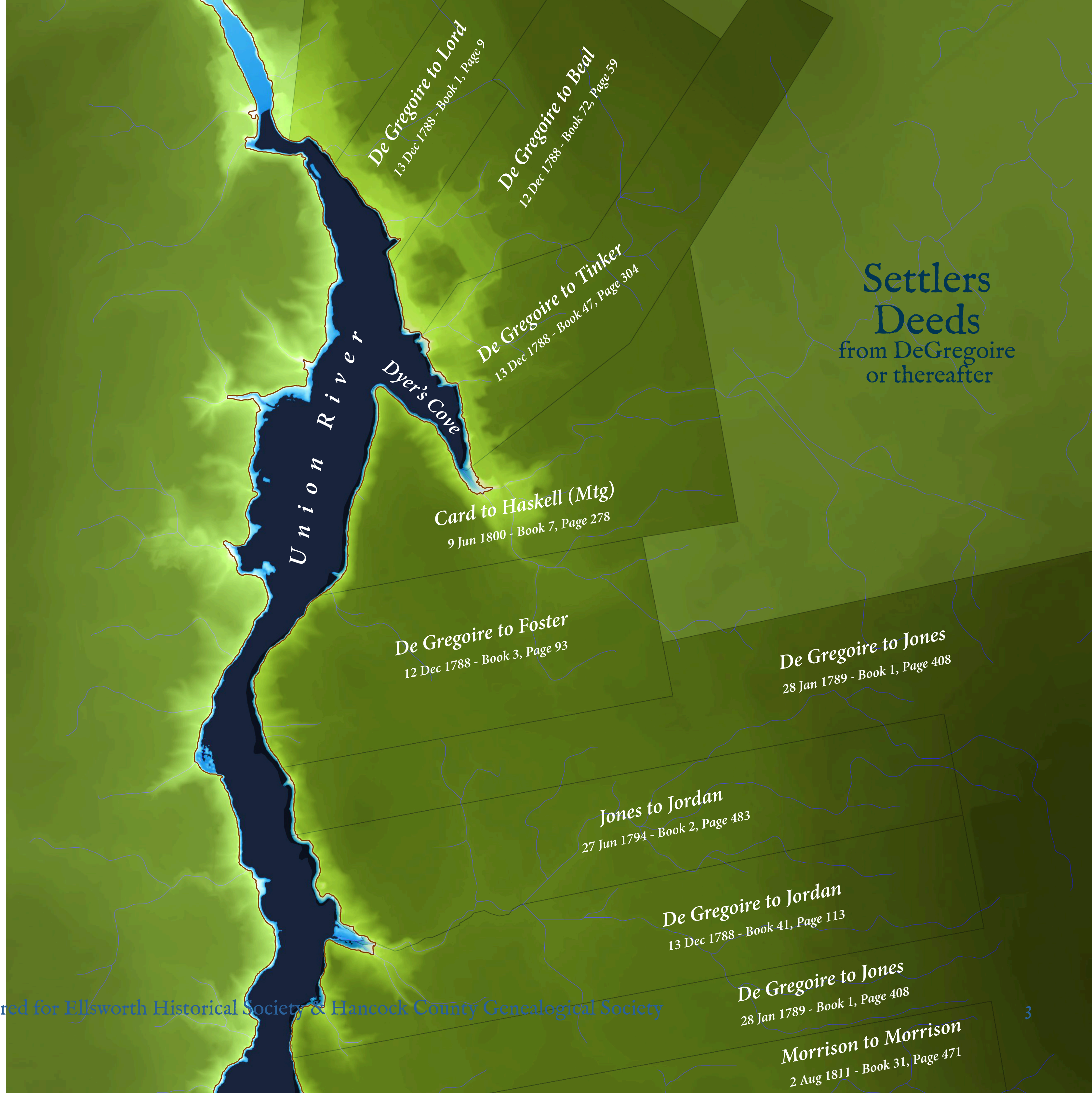

Settlers Deeds
from DeGregoire
or thereafter

De Gregoire to Lord
13 Dec 1788 - Book 1, Page 9
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12 Dec 1788 - Book 72, Page 59
De Gregoire to Tinker
13 Dec 1788 - Book 47, Page 304
Union River
Dyer's Cove
Card to Haskell (Mtg)
9 Jun 1800 - Book 7, Page 278
De Gregoire to Foster
12 Dec 1788 - Book 3, Page 93
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28 Jan 1789 - Book 1, Page 408
Jones to Jordan
27 Jun 1794 - Book 2, Page 483
De Gregoire to Jordan
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Morrison to Morrison
2 Aug 1811 - Book 31, Page 471

Introduction

Deeds contain an amazing amount of historical and familial information, often arcane and densely packed. Their spatial aspects are essential in the visualization of the stories so neatly encapsulated and preserved in map and deed.

The purpose and focus of this document is limited to those interested in performing local history and genealogical research using deeds. It is not intended as a legal primer or a text for understanding the complex laws and rules relating to surveying and conveyancing. For that you should consult a licensed land surveyor and an attorney experienced in real estate.

Your deed research may also involve places that are outside of Hancock County. Hopefully you'll have little problem in adapting and applying what's discussed herein to those locations. For this discussion we'll be focused on Hancock County, and in particular performing research at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds.

Physically located on the same floor and down the hall from the Deeds Office at 50 State Street, Ellsworth, Maine, is the Probate Records Office. I'll briefly mention how probate records can be helpful. I've also included some online map resources at the end.

Tax records provide a fast and easy way to gain access to recent and location specific deed references; something that we'll explore in more detail, but you may find other starting points using a deed in hand, or finding a deed recital contained within a deed; e.g., *being the same premises as described in …*

Finally, as you go through this document, you'll see references to *2 subject parcels* which are involved with my current personal research, and are being used for most of the examples in this discussion. Both of these parcels are located between Card and Whittaker Brooks along the eastern shore of the Union River. My hope is to assiduously present the historical significance of this delimited area sometime in the coming year.

Take your time going through this document, and after you've given it a study, have fun performing your own research. ***Happy hunting!***

What is a deed?

A deed is one type of land record. It is a contract identifying parties and interests. Generally, a deed is a term for a legal document that conveys some type of an interest in land; fee simple, easements, etc. Related documents, such as an affidavit, may contain information that is helpful in your research, but which aren't instruments of conveyance.

In Maine, as per *Title 33 MRS, §701.*, deeds will be identified, indexed and recorded at the Registry of Deeds located in the county's shire town - see URL links to all 17 registries here: https://www.maineregistryofdeeds.com/. In other states, deeds will typically be located at the county recorder's office.

The Hancock County Registry of Deeds (HCRD) identifies several different ***Document Types***, but be aware that each county throughout Maine, New England and the nation, will likely be somewhat different because of how each county originally began its deed *indexing* and recording, developed its regional practices, and the vendor software that they are presently using.

It's suggested that you familiarize yourself with how deed indexing has evolved from the past to the present when your research takes you outside of Hancock County. Once you've begun implementing the basics of deed research, they can be applied to just about anywhere in the U.S.

Where to begin?

Before going to the HCRD, it's good to have some basic information; i.e., Book & Page deed references. If your subject property is located in a municipality, the local municipality's tax assessor will have this information. If you're subject property is located in an unorganized territory in Maine, that information is maintained by the Maine Revenue Services (MRS). If your subject property is not in New England, most states have their tax records at the county level.

Regardless of the purpose for your deed research, it is vitally important to understand that the tax assessor's map does not in any way, fashion or form represent a boundary survey, often will display boundaries incorrectly, and should never be the basis of conveyance. The tax map is intended only for assessing purposes and as a convenient means of spatial identification.

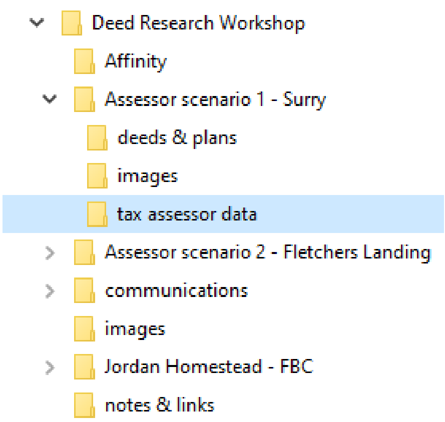
For this initial part of the workshop, I'll first review a couple of different scenarios that are located outside of Ellsworth because not all towns or cities will have tax records offered to the public in an online geographic information system (GIS) such as Ellsworth's GIS. For Maine towns that don't have a website, you'll need to call or go to the town office. Generally, the basic information that you are looking for will be the same:

- The tax assessor's map & lot number for the subject property *and its abutters*.
- The current owners' information, name(s), mailing address (where the tax bill gets sent), and the property's physical address. The former may be different if the owners live elsewhere. As mentioned, get this information for the subject property *and its abutters*.
- The current owners' HCRD deed recordation information; i.e., Book and Page numbers. The assessor's information may include more than the current deed reference and current owners. It's advised to get all pertinent deed and owner information; both past and present, that the assessor has. Again, often there will be helpful discoveries in *abutters' deeds* which may relate in various ways to your subject project.
- It's also quite handy to include in your project folder a copy of the tax map, or tax maps in the case when your subject property or its abutters adjoins another tax map.

Tax Assessor Information - Scenario 1
Town of Surry, Hancock County, Maine
Website's Home page:
https://www.townofsurrymaine.com/

Navigate: Home page, Departments, Tax Office and then from the Tax Office page you'll be able to download both Tax Maps and Tax Commitments. Generally, you will always want to get the most recent Tax Maps (tax maps are generally updated whenever a town gets around to it) and Tax Commitments (generally updated once a year).

The Tax Commitment book that's ordered by *Map and Lot* is most useful for quickly getting a spatial sense of the vicinity of your locus, the subject property. Finding a specific map and lot using only the tax bill recipient's name is easily done using the Find feature in your PDF reader application (Ctrl+F).



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Now where did I put that?

Before downloading any information, be kind to yourself and decide on a housekeeping system that will make sense to your post thrill-of-the-hunt future self. Label things that make sense.

Geopolitical Boundaries Over Time

The tax assessor's information is an excellent starting point for beginning your deed research as it provides references to recent conveyances. As you trace the subject property's history back through time, it's important keep track of time. Places, in general, are fixed in time and temporal contextualization is always important to the deed researcher.

Keeping track of the *when* of a place is equally as important as the *where* of that place. For example, the State of Maine did not exist prior to 1820, the Town of Surry did not exist prior to 1803, the County of Hancock did not exist prior to 1789, and before that, the County of Lincoln did not exist prior to 1760. Related to the flux of geopolitical boundaries is the location of a county seat, the place where the deed was to be recorded.

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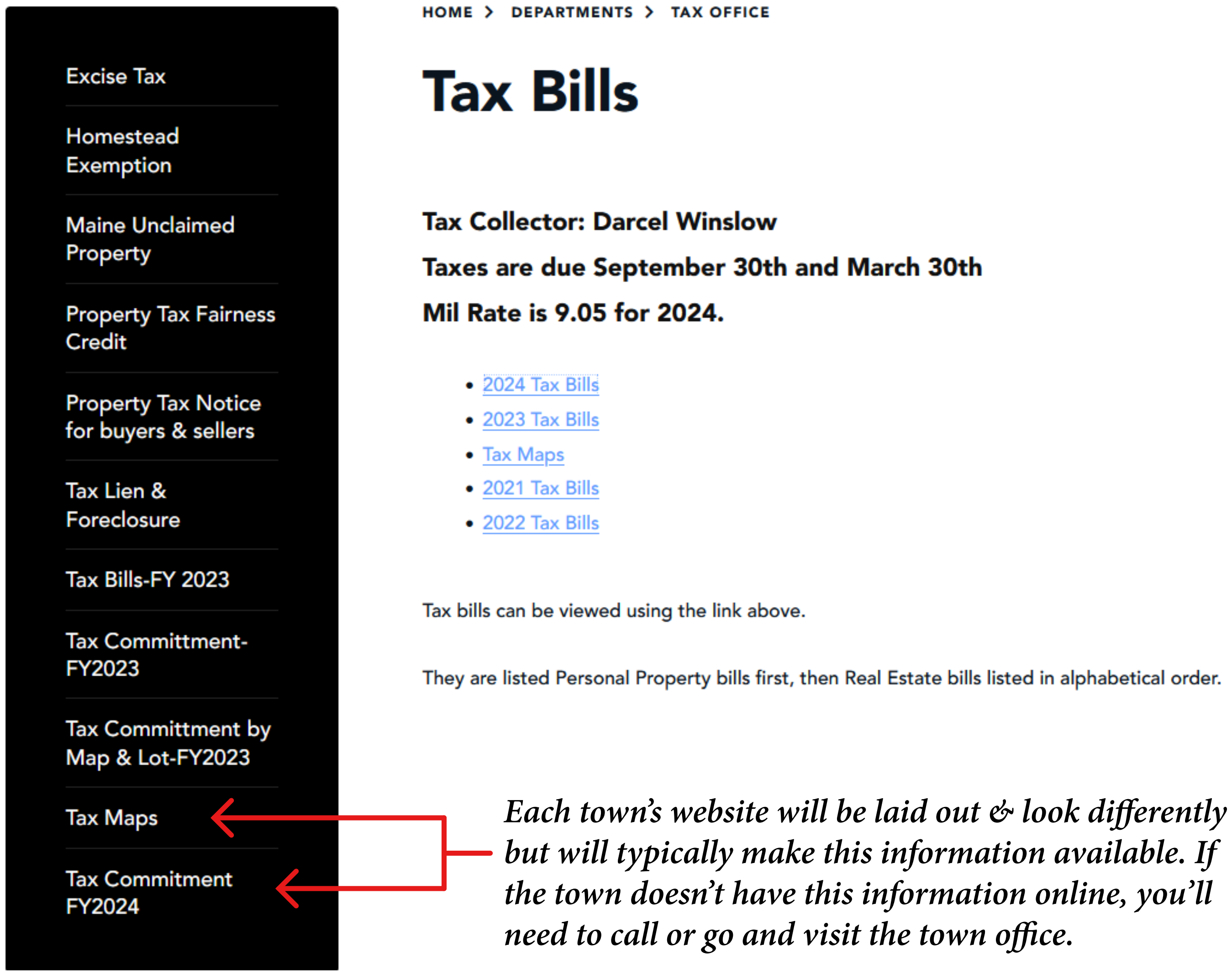

Excise Tax
Homestead Exemption
Maine Unclaimed Property
Property Tax Fairness Credit
Property Tax Notice for buyers & sellers
Tax Lien & Foreclosure
Tax Bills-FY 2023
Tax Committment-FY2023
Tax Committment by Map & Lot-FY2023
Tax Maps
Tax Commitment FY2024
HOME > DEPARTMENTS > TAX OFFICE

Tax Bills

Tax Collector: Darcel Winslow

Taxes are due September 30th and March 30th

Mil Rate is 9.05 for 2024.

- 2024 Tax Bills
- 2023 Tax Bills
- Tax Maps
- 2021 Tax Bills
- 2022 Tax Bills

Tax bills can be viewed using the link above.

They are listed Personal Property bills first, then Real Estate bills listed in alphabetical order.

Each town's website will be laid out & look differently but will typically make this information available. If the town doesn't have this information online, you'll need to call or go and visit the town office.

Tax Assessor Information - Scenario 1

Town of Surry, Hancock County, Maine
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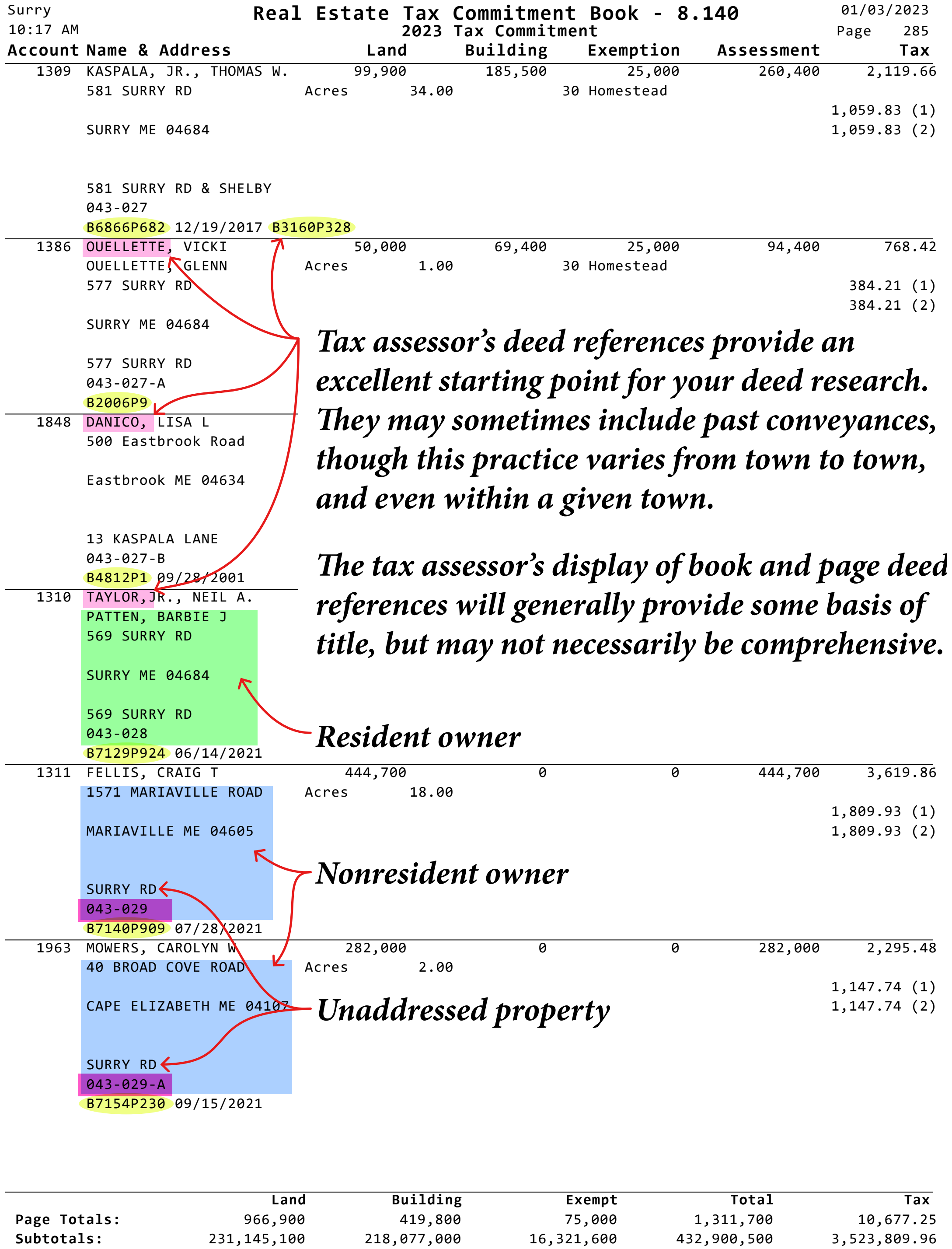

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Surry                        Real Estate Tax Commitment Book - 8.140                  01/03/2023
10:17 AM                            2023 Tax Commitment                              Page    285
Account Name & Address                 Land     Building    Exemption    Assessment         Tax
   1309 KASPALA, JR., THOMAS W.       99,900      185,500       25,000       260,400    2,119.66
        581 SURRY RD            Acres      34.00            30 Homestead
                                                                                  1,059.83 (1)
        SURRY ME 04684                                                            1,059.83 (2)


        581 SURRY RD & SHELBY
        043-027
        B6866P682 12/19/2017 B3160P328
   1386 OUELLETTE, VICKI              50,000       69,400       25,000        94,400      768.42
        OUELLETTE, GLENN        Acres       1.00            30 Homestead
        577 SURRY RD                                                                384.21 (1)
                                                                                    384.21 (2)
        SURRY ME 04684

        577 SURRY RD
        043-027-A
        B2006P9
   1848 DANICO, LISA L
        500 Eastbrook Road

        Eastbrook ME 04634


        13 KASPALA LANE
        043-027-B
        B4812P1 09/28/2001
   1310 TAYLOR,JR., NEIL A.
        PATTEN, BARBIE J
        569 SURRY RD

        SURRY ME 04684

        569 SURRY RD
        043-028
        B7129P924 06/14/2021
   1311 FELLIS, CRAIG T              444,700            0            0       444,700    3,619.86
        1571 MARIAVILLE ROAD    Acres      18.00
                                                                                  1,809.93 (1)
        MARIAVILLE ME 04605                                                       1,809.93 (2)


        SURRY RD
        043-029
        B7140P909 07/28/2021
   1963 MOWERS, CAROLYN W            282,000            0            0       282,000    2,295.48
        40 BROAD COVE ROAD      Acres       2.00
                                                                                  1,147.74 (1)
        CAPE ELIZABETH ME 04107                                                   1,147.74 (2)


        SURRY RD
        043-029-A
        B7154P230 09/15/2021



                           Land       Building         Exempt          Total            Tax
 Page Totals:           966,900        419,800         75,000      1,311,700      10,677.25
 Subtotals:         231,145,100    218,077,000     16,321,600    432,900,500   3,523,809.96
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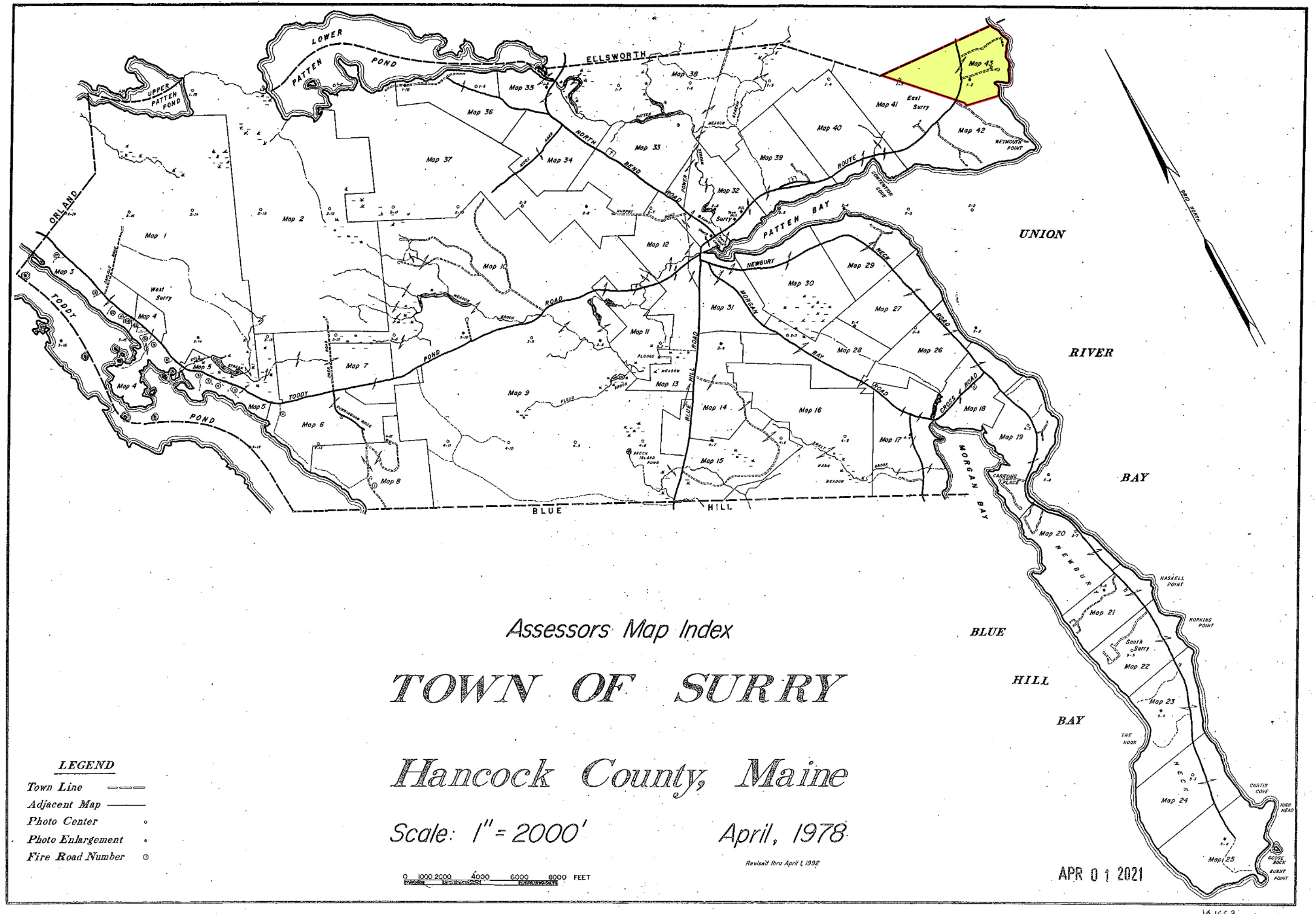
Tax assessor's deed references provide an excellent starting point for your deed research. They may sometimes include past conveyances, though this practice varies from town to town, and even within a given town.

The tax assessor's display of book and page deed references will generally provide some basis of title, but may not necessarily be comprehensive.

Resident owner

Nonresident owner

Unaddressed property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UPPER PATTEN POND
ELLSWORTH
ORLAND
TODDY POND
UNION RIVER
PATTEN BAY
MORGAN BAY
BLUE HILL BAY
NEWBURY NECK
East Surry
West Surry
South Surry
Map 1
Map 2
Map 37
Map 38
Map 40
Map 41
Map 42
Map 43
LEGEND
Town Line
Adjacent Map
Photo Center
Photo Enlargement
Fire Road Number
APR 0 1 2021

Assessors Map Index

TOWN OF SURRY

Hancock County, Maine

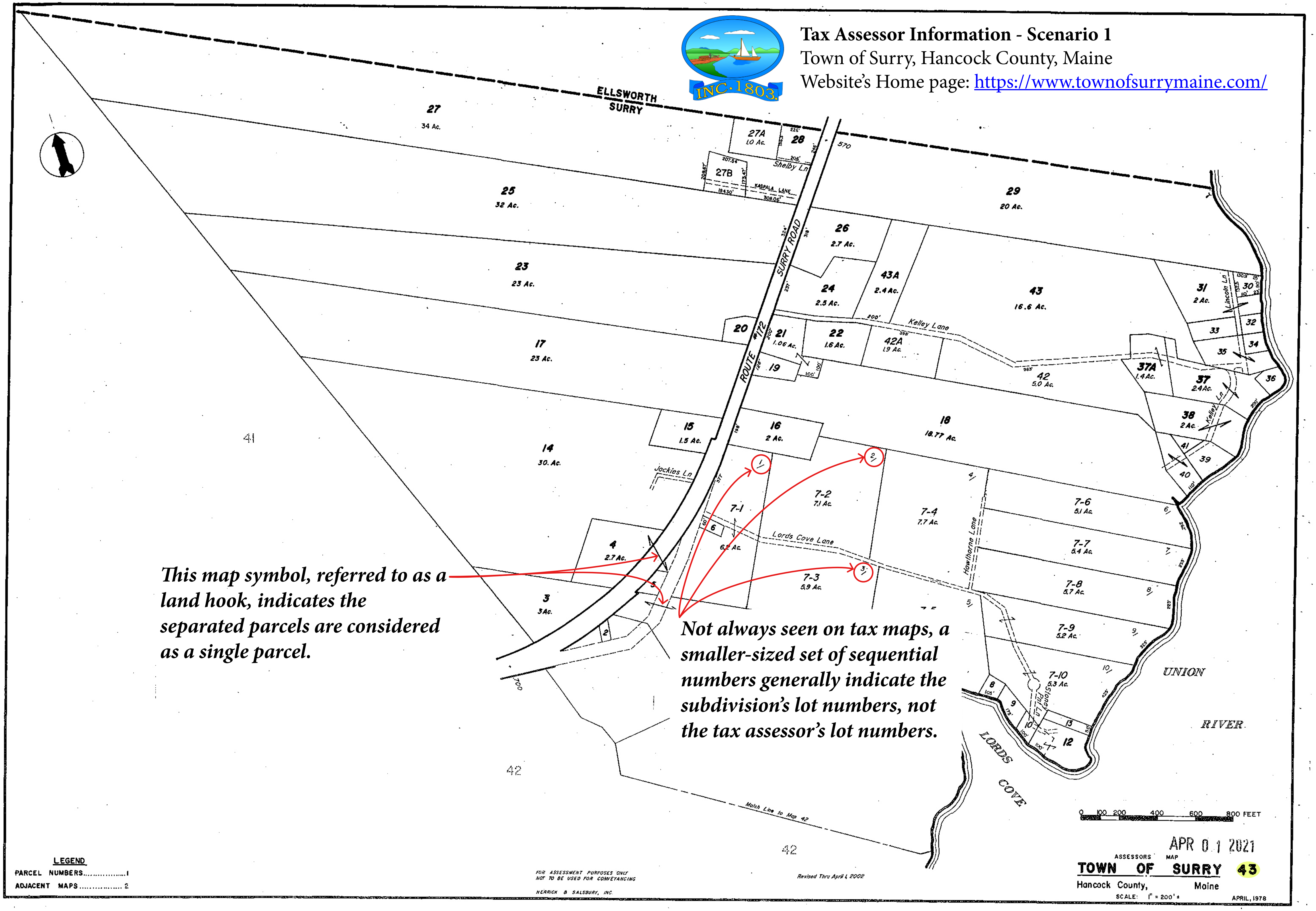
Scale: 1" = 2000'

April, 1978

Tax Assessor Information - Scenario 1

Town of Surry, Hancock County, Maine

Website's Home page: https://www.townofsurrymaine.com/


ELLSWORTH
SURRY
27
34 Ac.
27A
1.0 Ac.
28
27B
Shelby Ln
KASPALA LANE
25
32 Ac.
29
20 Ac.
SURRY ROAD
26
2.7 Ac.
23
23 Ac.
43A
2.4 Ac.
24
2.5 Ac.
43
16.6 Ac.
31
2 Ac.
30
Lincoln Ln
Kelley Lane
20
21
1.06 Ac.
22
1.6 Ac.
42A
1.9 Ac.
ROUTE #172
17
23 Ac.
19
33
32
34
35
37A
1.4 Ac.
42
5.0 Ac.
37
2.4 Ac.
36
38
2 Ac.
Kelley Ln
15
1.5 Ac.
16
2 Ac.
18
18.77 Ac.
14
30. Ac.
41
39
40
Jackies Ln
7-1
7-2
7.1 Ac.
7-4
7.7 Ac.
7-6
5.1 Ac.
7-7
5.4 Ac.
7-8
5.7 Ac.
7-9
5.2 Ac.
7-10
5.3 Ac.
7-3
5.9 Ac.
6
6.2 Ac.
Lords Cove Lane
Hawthorne Lane
4
2.7 Ac.
3
3 Ac.
2
8
9
10
12
13
Stoney Pt Ln
UNION
RIVER
LORDS
COVE
41
42
42
Match Line to Map 42
0 100 200 400 600 800 FEET
APR 01 2021
ASSESSORS MAP
TOWN OF SURRY 43
Hancock County, Maine
SCALE: 1" = 200'±
APRIL, 1978
LEGEND
PARCEL NUMBERS.................1
ADJACENT MAPS.................2
FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES ONLY
NOT TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCING
HERRICK & SALSBURY, INC.
Revised Thru April 1, 2002

This map symbol, referred to as a land hook, indicates the separated parcels are considered as a single parcel.

Not always seen on tax maps, a smaller-sized set of sequential numbers generally indicate the subdivision's lot numbers, not the tax assessor's lot numbers.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
STATE OF MAINE

Tax Assessor Information - Scenario 2

Fletchers Landing, Unorganized Territory, Hancock County, Maine
Website's Home page: https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/property-tax

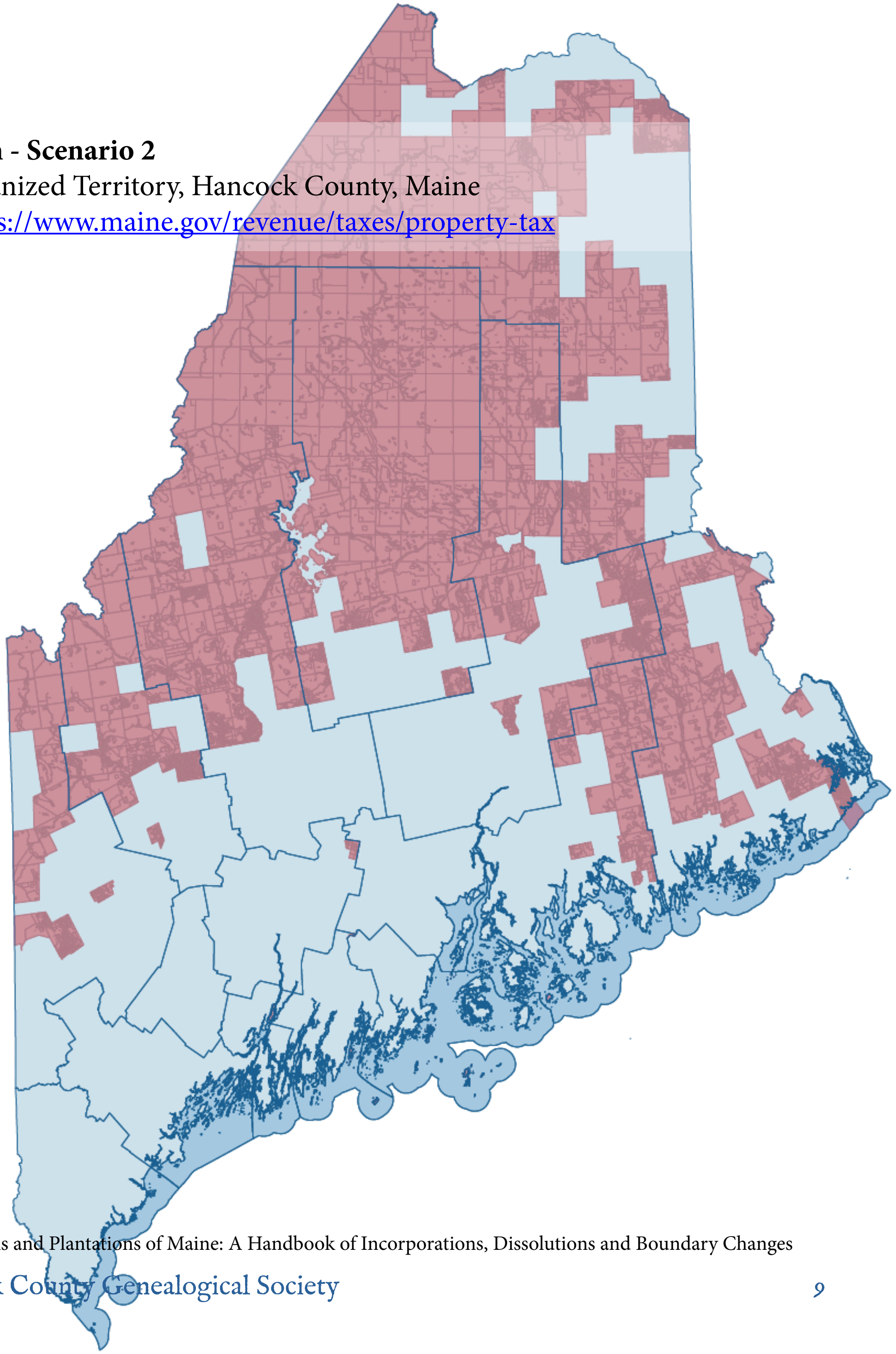
A goodly bit of the property in Maine lies in the unorganized territories (UT), townships, & plantations, terms casually used and essentially understood administratively as meaning the same. The UT parcels are shown highlighted in the pinkish hue on the right. Land use and planning is administrated by the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) and taxes are handled by the Maine Revenue Services (MRS). One such township is Fletchers Landing located in Hancock County which I'll use in this example for Scenario 2. Fletchers Landing, its official name, was and still is, known as Township Number 8, Southern Division, or T8SD.

At present, the MRS does not provide deed references to parcels in the UT; however, that may be changing later this year. Until then, the following procedure can be used to determine your subject property's Tax Map and Lot identification, and the owner information. You will then need to complete a grantee search for the owner at the Registry of Deeds. I'll go over the particulars for the grantee search later in this document.

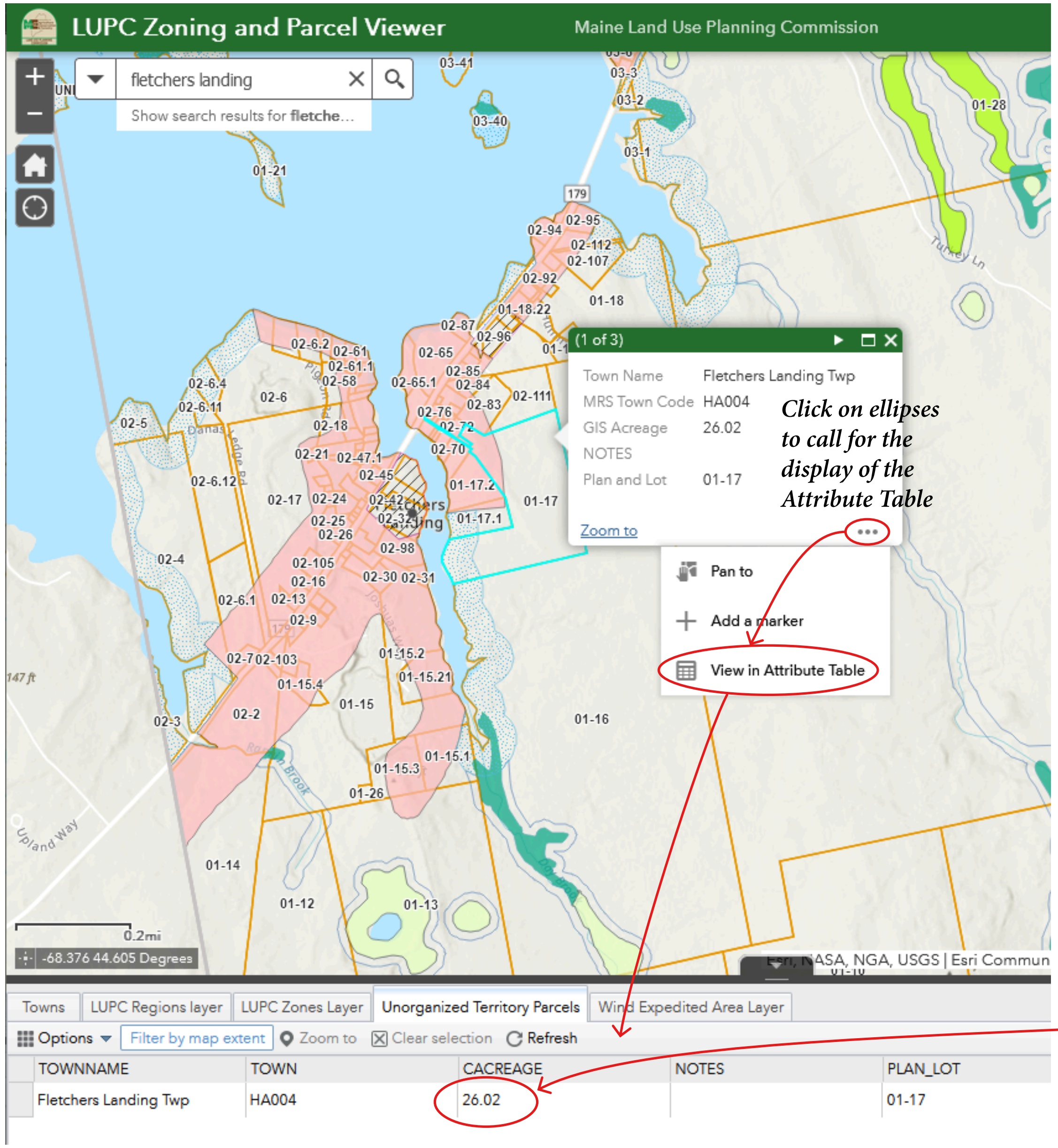
The LUPC's zoning and parcel viewer is a wonderful tool and is available from this link: https://maine.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=89f9a143c79f4349a40a3ff77975f17a

The parcel viewer will allow you to locate your subject parcel, determine its tax map and lot number, and view its attribute data in a table. Make note of the attribute value for the Plan and Lot; e.g., 01-07. Also make note of the MRS Town Code; e.g., HA004. Currently (June 2024), the parcel viewer will not allow you to obtain owner information, and as previously mentioned, nor will the listed attributes in the table include the book and page deed reference(s).

To obtain that bit of information, begin at the Home page (https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/property-tax), and then navigate under Property Owners, Unorganized Territory, Valuation Books for the UT, find your subject property's county, then click (download) the most recent County Valuation book, and then open the PDF using your default PDF reader.



https://digitalmaine.com/arc_publications/11/ - https://digitalmaine.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1010&context=arc_publications - Counties, Cities, Towns and Plantations of Maine: A Handbook of Incorporations, Dissolutions and Boundary Changes


LUPC Zoning and Parcel Viewer
Maine Land Use Planning Commission
Show search results for fletche...
Pan to
Add a marker
View in Attribute Table
Zoom to
Towns
LUPC Regions layer
LUPC Zones Layer
Unorganized Territory Parcels
Wind Expedited Area Layer
Options
Filter by map extent
Zoom to
Clear selection
Refresh
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-68.376 44.605 Degrees
Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS | Esri Commun

fletchers landing

(1 of 3)

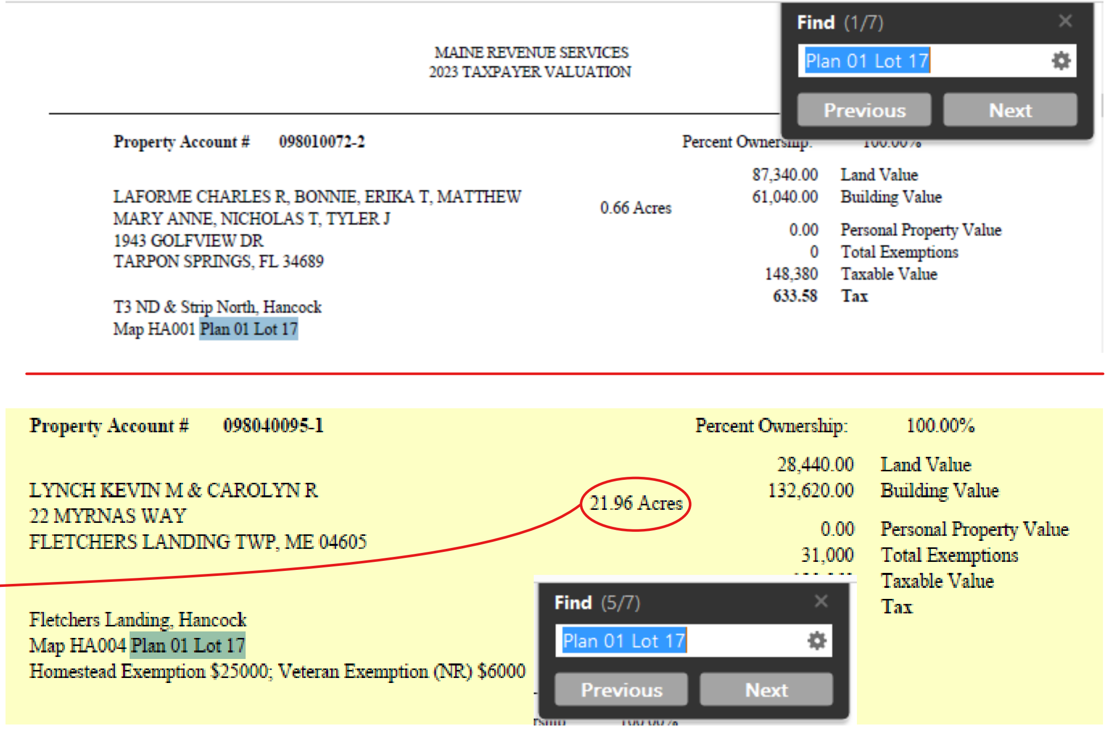
Town Name Fletchers Landing Twp
MRS Town Code HA004
GIS Acreage 26.02
NOTES
Plan and Lot 01-17

Click on ellipses to call for the display of Attribute Table

TOWNNAME	TOWN	CACREAGE	NOTES	PLAN_LOT
Fletchers Landing Twp	HA004	26.02		01-17

With the document opened in the PDF reader, perform a search for the Plan and Lot (Ctrl+F) using the attribute values; e.g., 01 and 17 and you'll see ***multiple*** results. This is because 1) the document covers the thousands of UT parcels in the entire county, and 2) there may be variant lot numbers like 17.1, 17.2, etc. This is where you'll need to manually cycle through the results with an eye on the MRS Town Code; e.g., HA004. In this example, the subject parcel was the 5th result out of 7.

Also note that there is an apparent difference of about 4 acres between the parcel viewer and the valuation book. The 4-acre difference is worth keeping in mind while reading the deed that the Grantees received, as well as any outsales that were since made by them. We'll discuss this difference later.


Find (1/7)
Previous
Next
Find (5/7)
Previous
Next

Plan 01 Lot 17

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
2023 TAXPAYER VALUATION

Property Account # 098010072-2 Percent Ownership: 100.00%

LAFORME CHARLES R, BONNIE, ERIKA T, MATTHEW
MARY ANNE, NICHOLAS T, TYLER J
1943 GOLFVIEW DR
TARPON SPRINGS, FL 34689

0.66 Acres

87,340.00 Land Value
61,040.00 Building Value
0.00 Personal Property Value
0 Total Exemptions
148,380 Taxable Value
633.58 Tax

T3 ND & Strip North, Hancock
Map HA001 Plan 01 Lot 17

Property Account # 098040095-1 Percent Ownership: 100.00%

LYNCH KEVIN M & CAROLYN R
22 MYRNAS WAY
FLETCHERS LANDING TWP, ME 04605

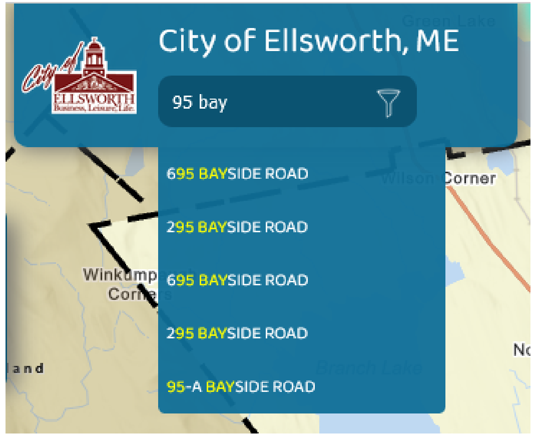
21.96 Acres

28,440.00 Land Value
132,620.00 Building Value
0.00 Personal Property Value
31,000 Total Exemptions
Taxable Value
Tax

Fletchers Landing, Hancock
Map HA004 Plan 01 Lot 17
Homestead Exemption $25000; Veteran Exemption (NR) $6000

Tax Assessor Information - Scenario 3

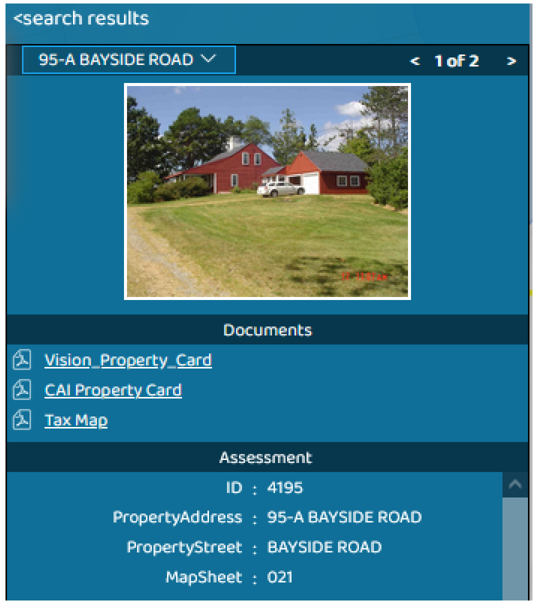
City of Ellsworth, Hancock County, Maine
Website's Home page: https://next.axisgis.com/EllsworthME


City of Ellsworth, ME
Winkumpaugh Corner
Wilson Corner
and
Nc

95 bay

695 BAYSIDE ROAD
295 BAYSIDE ROAD
695 BAYSIDE ROAD
295 BAYSIDE ROAD
95-A BAYSIDE ROAD

If you already know the name of the owner, street address, or parcel number, just start typing in the Find Property search box; otherwise, pan and zoom on the map until you locate your subject property.

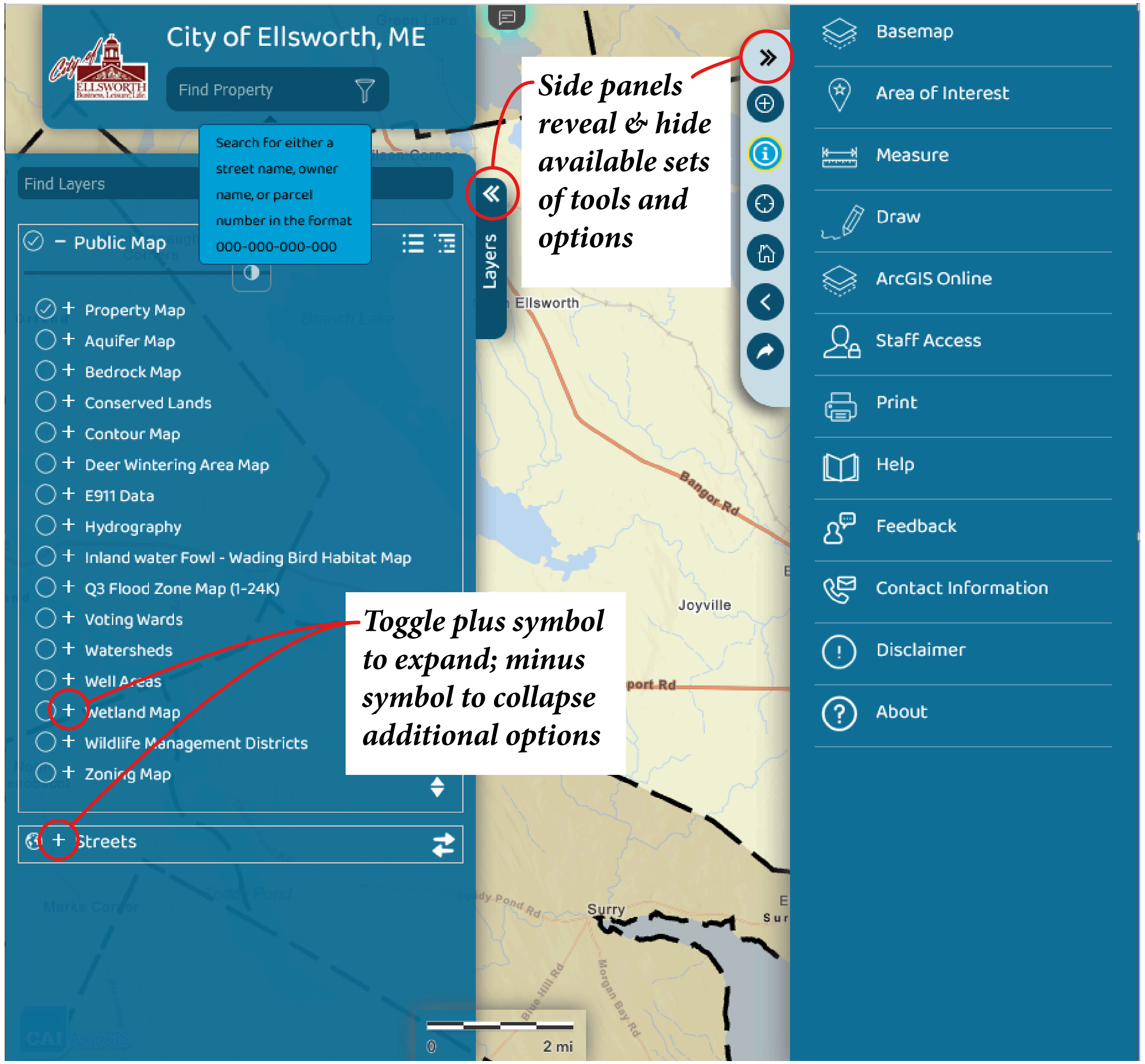

<search results
95-A BAYSIDE ROAD
< 1 of 2 >
Documents
Assessment

Vision_Property_Card
CAI Property Card
Tax Map

ID : 4195
PropertyAddress : 95-A BAYSIDE ROAD
PropertyStreet : BAYSIDE ROAD
MapSheet : 021

Clicking on a single item in the displayed search results will then vertically expand the results panel while automatically adjusting the map, and zooming to the selected property.

The results panel allows scrolling and obtaining various details including the downloading of documents related to the identified property.


City of Ellsworth, ME
Find Property
Find Layers
Public Map
Property Map
Aquifer Map
Bedrock Map
Conserved Lands
Contour Map
Deer Wintering Area Map
E911 Data
Hydrography
Inland water Fowl - Wading Bird Habitat Map
Q3 Flood Zone Map (1-24K)
Voting Wards
Watersheds
Well Areas
Wetland Map
Wildlife Management Districts
Zoning Map
Streets
Layers
Ellsworth
Bangor Rd
Joyville
port Rd
Surry
2 mi
Basemap
Area of Interest
Measure
Draw
ArcGIS Online
Staff Access
Print
Help
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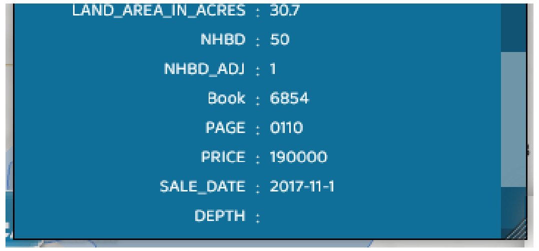
Search for either a street name, owner name, or parcel number in the format 000-000-000-000

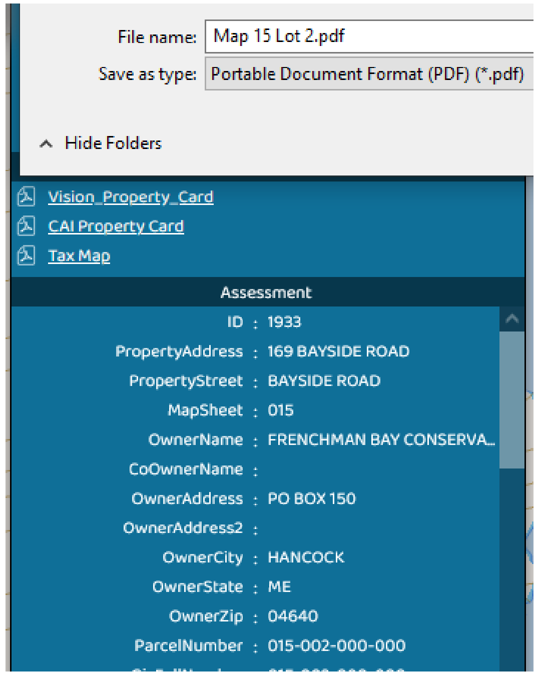
Side panels reveal & hide available sets of tools and options

Toggle plus symbol to expand; minus symbol to collapse additional options



LAND_AREA_IN_ACRES : 30.7
NHBD : 50
NHBD_ADJ : 1
Book : 6854
PAGE : 0110
PRICE : 190000
SALE_DATE : 2017-11-1
DEPTH :

Once a single result has been chosen and the information panel has expanded, scroll down to find the book and page information.



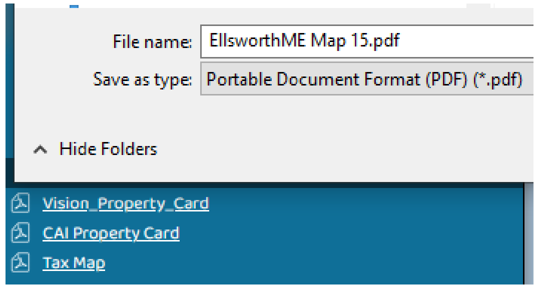
File name: Map 15 Lot 2.pdf
Save as type: Portable Document Format (PDF) (*.pdf)

Hide Folders
Vision_Property_Card
CAI Property Card
Tax Map
Assessment

ID : 1933
PropertyAddress : 169 BAYSIDE ROAD
PropertyStreet : BAYSIDE ROAD
MapSheet : 015
OwnerName : FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVA...
CoOwnerName :
OwnerAddress : PO BOX 150
OwnerAddress2 :
OwnerCity : HANCOCK
OwnerState : ME
OwnerZip : 04640
ParcelNumber : 015-002-000-000

The owners' name & deed book and page information can also be found in the property card documents.

Click to download the documents while noting that you'll need to manually name the Vision Property Card file; e.g., Map 15, Lot 2.



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Tax Map

The CAI Property Card will already be uniquely named for you.

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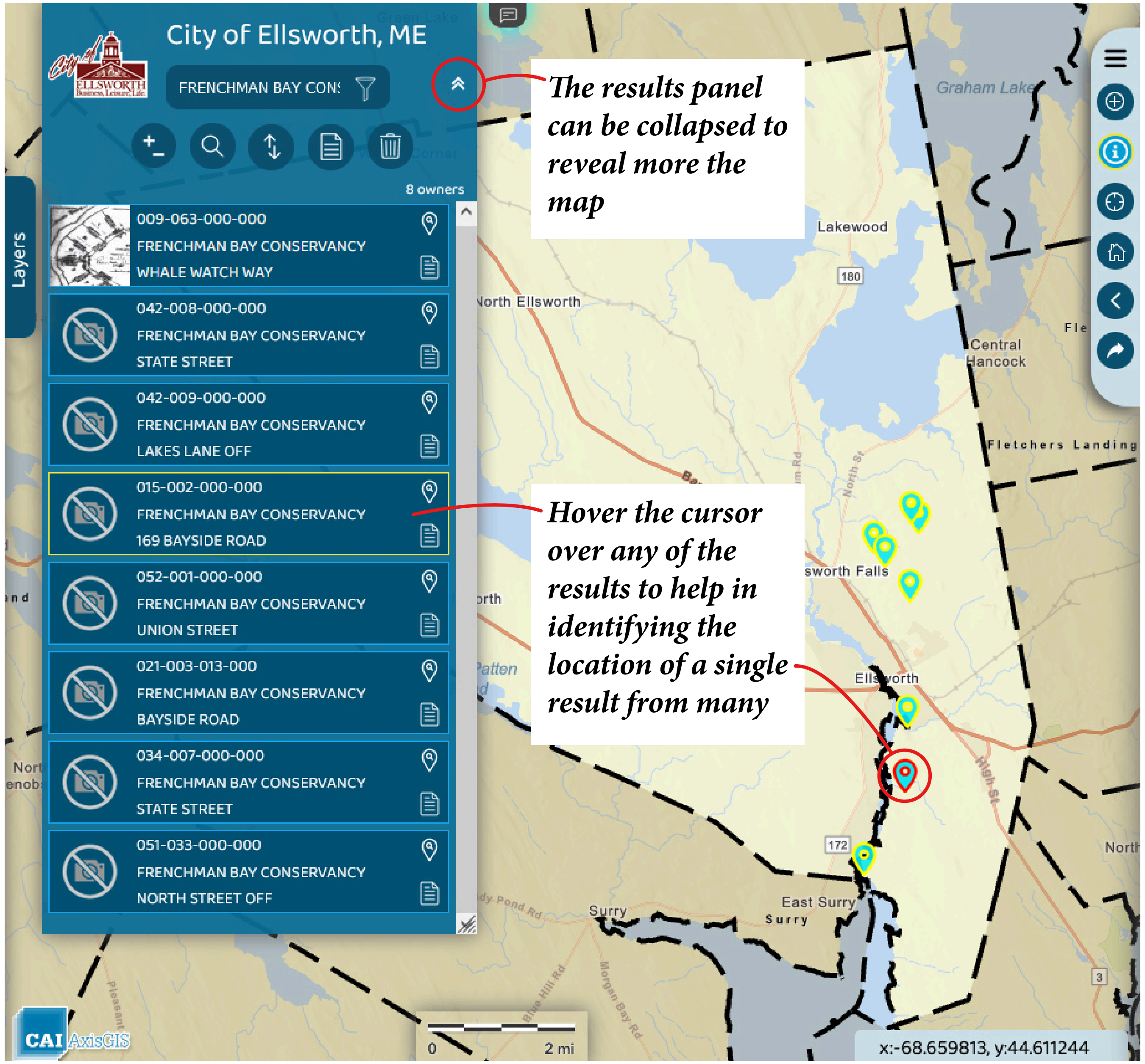

City of Ellsworth, ME

FRENCHMAN BAY CON:

8 owners

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042-008-000-000 FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY STATE STREET
042-009-000-000 FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY LAKES LANE OFF
015-002-000-000 FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY 169 BAYSIDE ROAD
052-001-000-000 FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY UNION STREET
021-003-013-000 FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY BAYSIDE ROAD
034-007-000-000 FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY STATE STREET
051-033-000-000 FRENCHMAN BAY CONSERVANCY NORTH STREET OFF

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The results panel can be collapsed to reveal more the map

Hover the cursor over any of the results to help in identifying the location of a single result from many

Layers
Graham Lake
Lakewood
North Ellsworth
Central Hancock
Fletchers Landing
Ellsworth Falls
Ellsworth
East Surry
Surry
180
172
3
0
2 mi
CAI AxisGIS

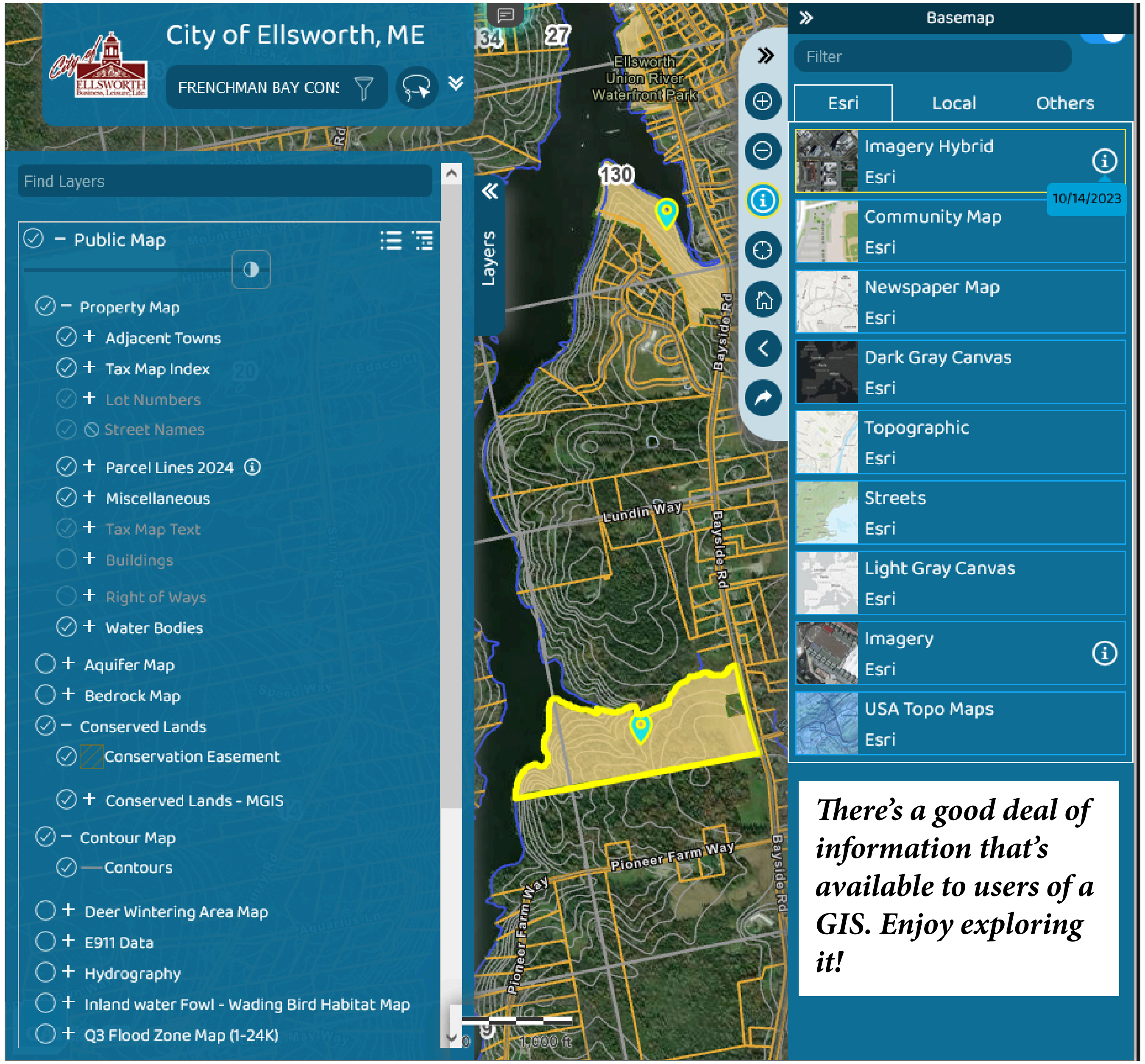
The intuitive user interface developed by CAI Technologies as well as their updating and publishing of the individual tax maps for the City of Ellsworth are praiseworthy. Indeed, an entire separate workshop on both of these excellent products could easily be considered for some later occasion.

A GIS will typically be comprised of disparate layers of spatial data from a wide array of sources that have been projected and combined into a single coordinate system tied to the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS).

Regardless of how well presented a GIS appears, it is vitally important for the informed GIS user to understand that the tax assessor's parcel layer does not in any way, fashion or form represent a boundary survey, often will display boundaries incorrectly, and should never be the basis of conveyance.

This reality should also be considered when viewing imagery of unknown origins beneath the parcel layer, particularly when that imagery is not based on precisely surveyed ground control and has not been properly ortho rectified. Such uncontrolled imagery can typically be distorted and shifted by meters from the NSRS.

Understand the origins and limits of the data before relying on it!


City of Ellsworth, ME
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Bedrock Map
Conserved Lands
Conservation Easement
Conserved Lands - MGIS
Contour Map
Contours
Deer Wintering Area Map
E911 Data
Hydrography
Inland water Fowl - Wading Bird Habitat Map
Q3 Flood Zone Map (1-24K)
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Ellsworth Union River Waterfront Park
Bayside Rd
Lundin Way
Pioneer Farm Way
1000 ft
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Others
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10/14/2023
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There's a good deal of information that's available to users of a GIS. Enjoy exploring it!

What is the Registry of Deeds?

A very dear old surveyor friend that I had the privilege to know and learn from often cheekily referred to the registry of deeds as *a whore house of misinformation*. And to be fair, Harry had good reasons for feeling that way, as too you may experience from time to time when doing deed research and find descriptions poorly written by the incompetent, patent ambiguities, scrivener's errors, descriptions of figures that are impossible to close, the late recording of a deed, or worse, when no deed was ever recorded.

The registry of deeds might more often be thought of as a wondrous library of maps and books pertaining to land records for all of the property in a given county tracing back to its origin, but it's much more than that to the genealogist and historian, all while still honoring the legal principle of the "*Four corners of an instrument*". That is the idea that a document's meaning should be derived from the document itself. When that meaning is less than clear, this is where the abutters' deeds can prove informative.

Deeds for the genealogist and historian play an important part by providing extrinsic evidence in support of the familial narrative, the corroboration of other research they've completed; such as from census data, as well as by providing spatial clues to solving their current puzzle.

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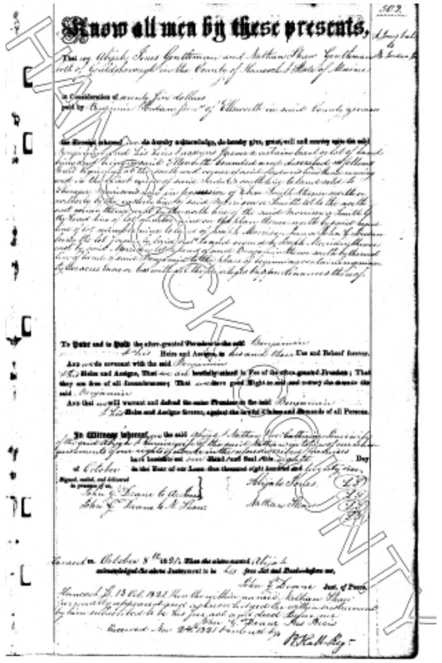
Things to know before you go

Before starting there are a few things you should know when doing research online at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds.

The browser-based web application works best with modern web browsers. Internet Explorer is reportedly not supported.

All deed book images including all index book images from 1790 through 1903 are available online. The staff at the Registry of Deeds are still indexing documents from 1790-1902. This means that you should not rely solely on the search results displayed for deeds recorded prior to 1903. We'll cover dealing with that issue a little later.



Know all men by these presents,

You do not need to set up an account in order to research and download deeds and maps. There are no quantity limits in how many deeds and maps you want to download. However, and in all cases when not logged into an account, all downloaded images will be watermarked with HANCOCK COUNTY diagonally across the entire page.

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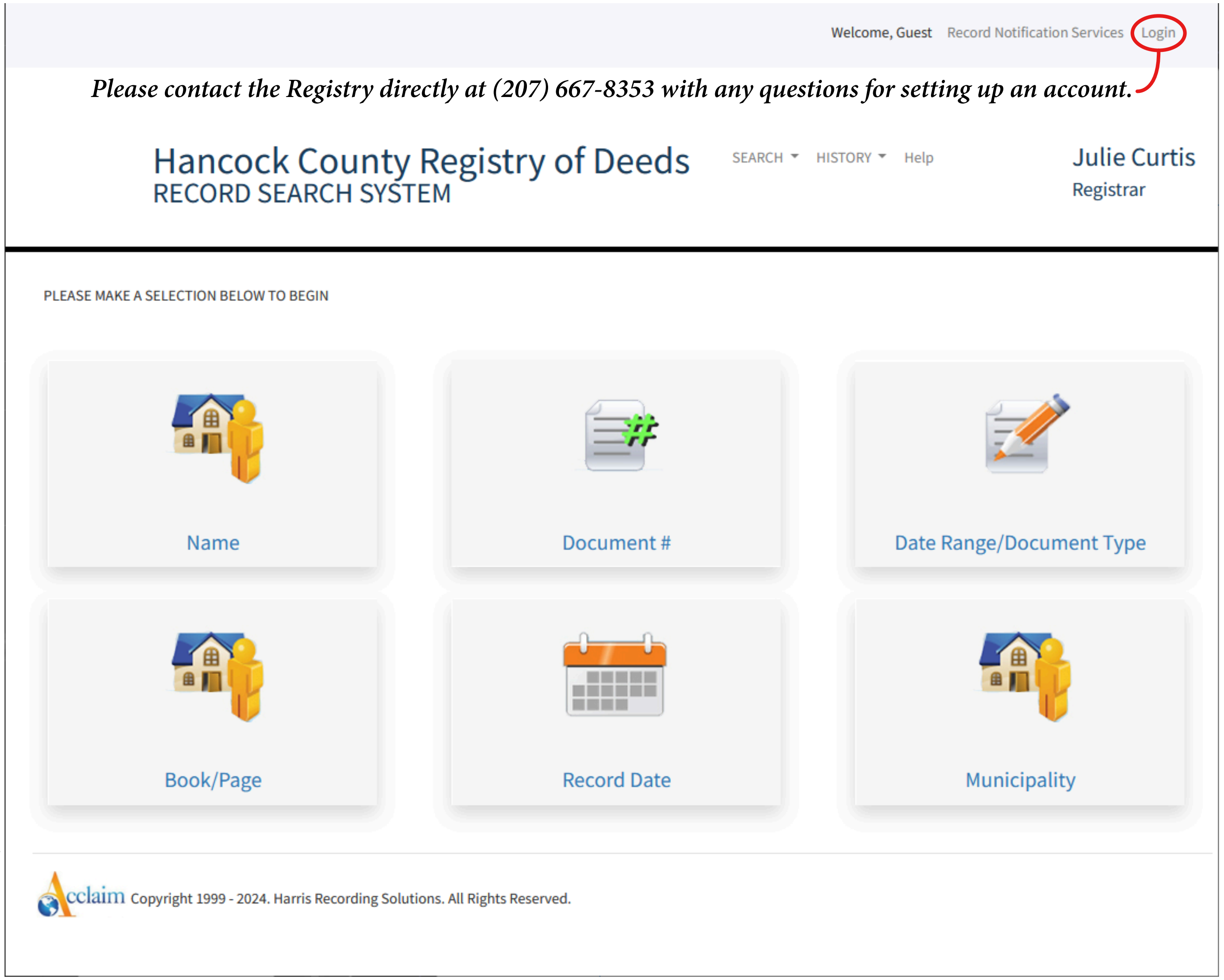

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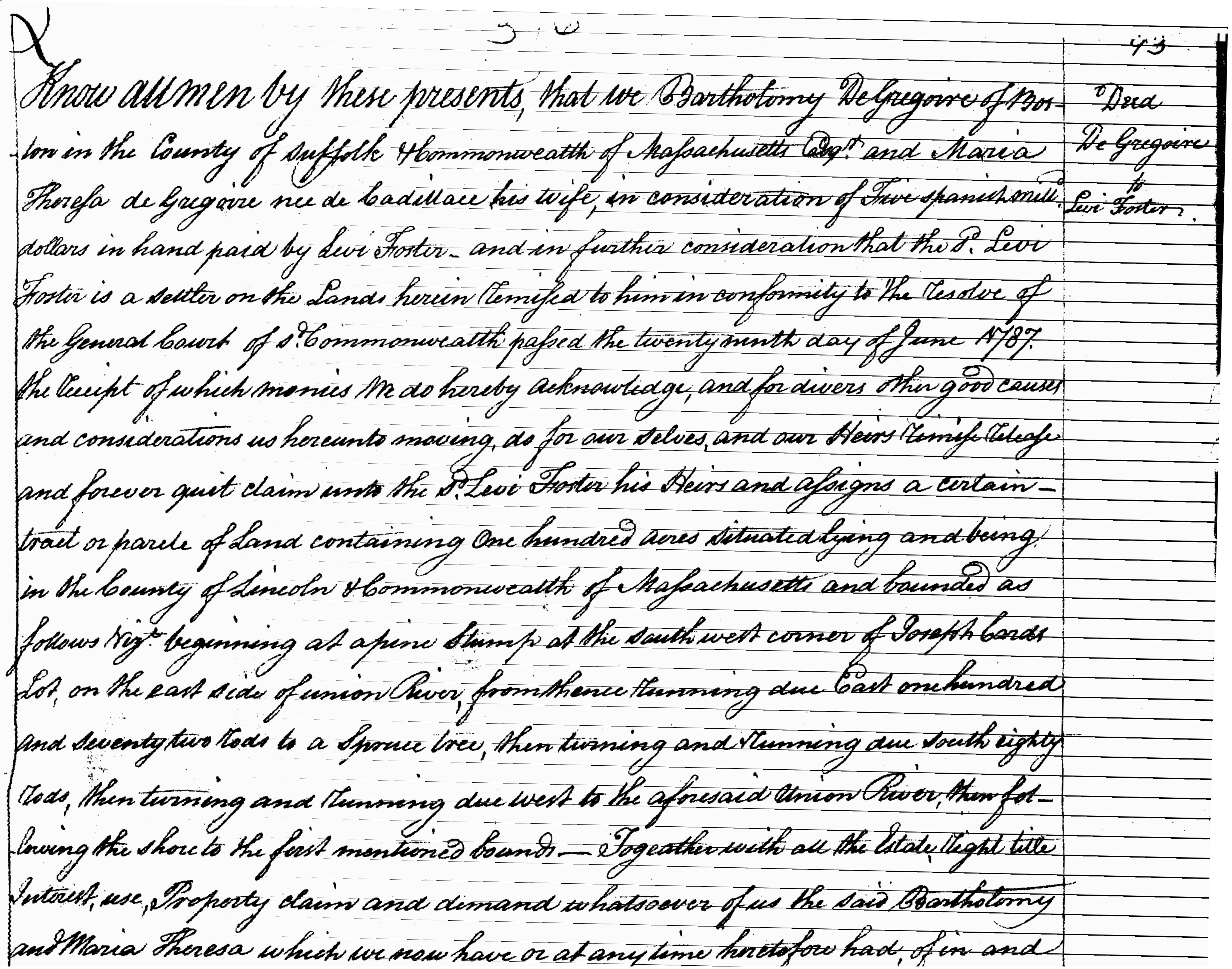
Please contact the Registry directly with any questions at (207) 667-8353 and they'll be happy to help in setting up your account. Their office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm while noting that their recording hours are 8:30am - 3:50pm.

Other odds and ends that you may be interested in seeing that won't be shown in your search results can be found on this page: https://www.hancockcountydeeds.com/maps and include direct links to the websites of many towns in Hancock County related to their tax maps.

Also worth noting on this same page (scroll down past the tax maps to **Plans on a Roll**) are the ancient plans which were at one time too large to paste into a plan book, and instead were stored on a roll. Those plans no longer are stored on a roll (they're in plastic sleeves hung on a hanger), but they have continued to be referred to as being "*On the Roll*".



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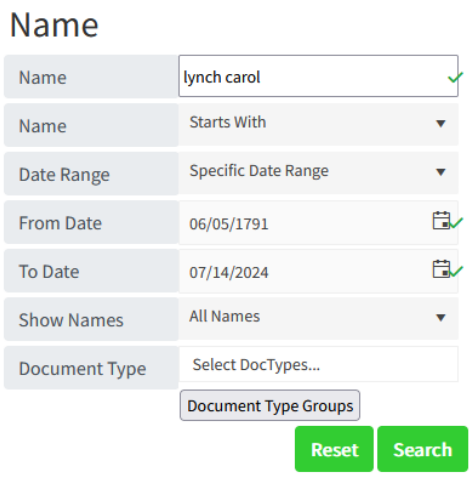
Deed
De Gregoire
to
Levi Foster.

Know all men by these presents, that we Bartholomy DeGregoire of Boston in the County of Suffolk & Commonweatth of Maſsachusetts Esqr. and Maria Thereſa de Gregoire nee de Cadillac his wife, in consideration of Five spanish mill. dollars in hand paid by Levi Foster – and in further consideration that the s.d Levi Foster is a settler on the Lands herein remised to him in conformity to the resolve of the General Court of s.d Commonweatth paſsed the twentyninth day of June 1787. the receipt of which monies we do hereby acknowledge, and for divers other good causes and considerations us hereunto moving, do for our selves, and our Heirs remise release and forever quit claim unto the s.d Levi Foster his Heirs and aſsigns a certain tract or parcle of Land containing One hundred acres situated lying and being in the County of Lincoln & Commonweatth of Maſsachusetts and bounded as follows Viz.t beginning at a pine Stump at the south west corner of Joseph Cards Lot, on the east side of union River, from thence running due East one hundred and seventy two rods to a Spruce tree, then turning and running due South eighty rods, then turning and running due west to the aforesaid Union River, then following the shore to the first mentioned bounds — Togeather with all the Estate right title Interest, use, Property claim and demand whatsoever of us the said Bartholomy and Maria Theresa which we now have or at any time heretofore had, of in and

Performing a Name Search



Name

Name	lynch carol
Name	Starts With
Date Range	Specific Date Range
From Date	06/05/1791
To Date	07/14/2024
Show Names	All Names
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Search

We'll start with Scenario 2 from above where we were dealing with parcels in the UT and having only been able to obtain the property owner's names; i.e., Kevin M. Lynch and Carolyn R. Lynch. We'll follow the same procedures for Scenarios 1 and 3, by entering the owners last name first, but we'll have the benefit of already knowing their deed reference given by the tax assessor in corroborating the selection of the subject property's deed from the search results.

The Acclaim software search algorithm is case insensitive. Punctuation such as periods and commas will be ignored. Spelling is strictly construed so keep that in mind when the object of your hunt isn't captured in the search results, or when spelling is suspect.

By entering *lynch carol*, we can expect to capture any variants including LYNCH CAROLINA, LYNCH CAROLINE, LYNCH CAROLYN, if in fact there were any documents indexed with to be found.

There is also an anomalous behavior where only entering the last name with a variant spelling; for example, *lynche*, will

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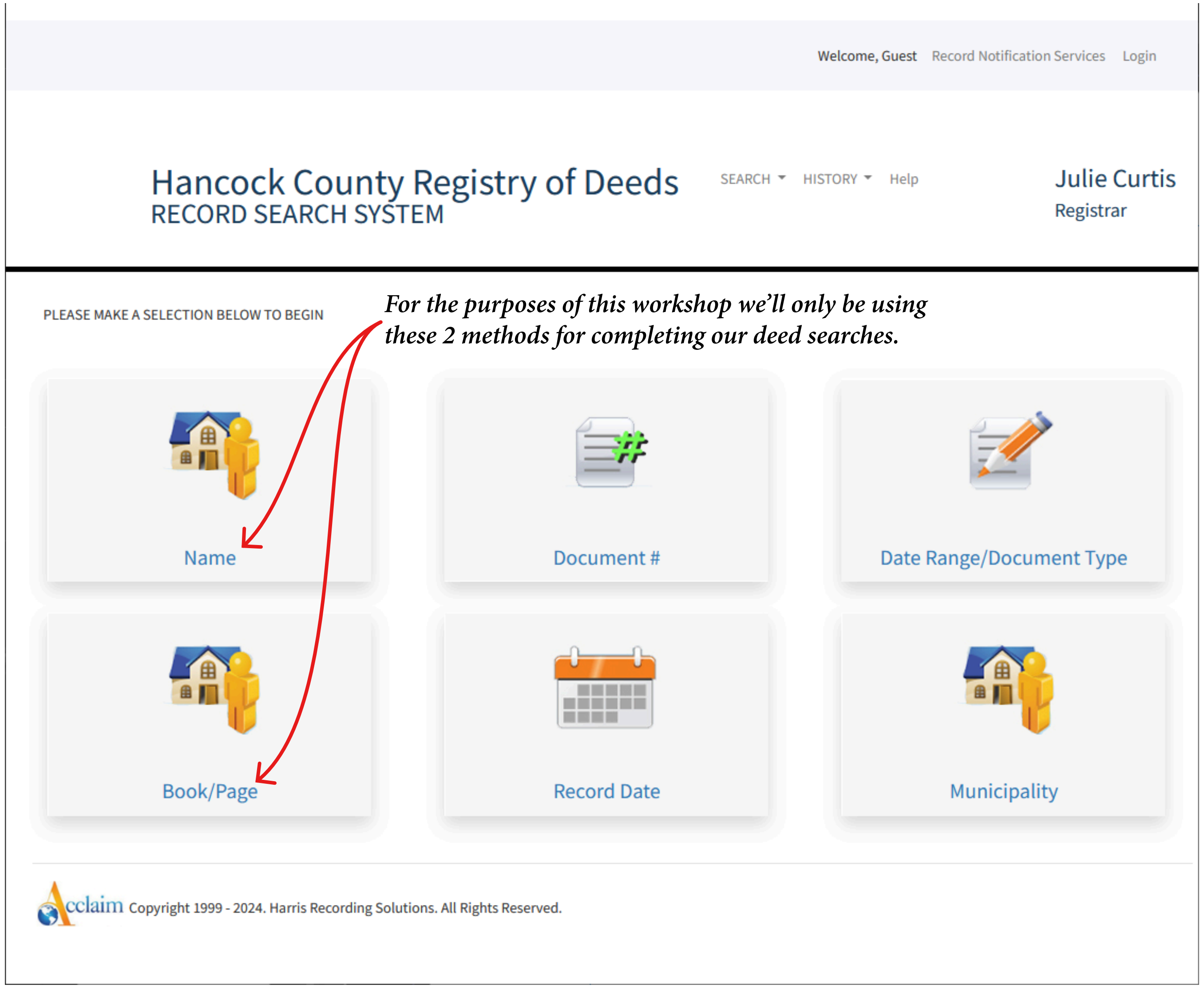

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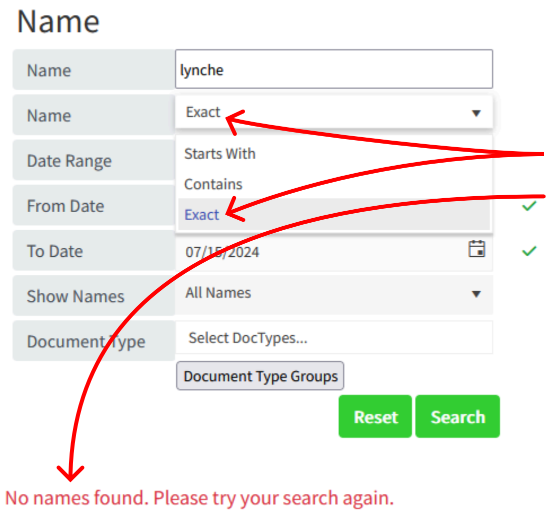
For the purposes of this workshop we'll only be using these 2 methods for completing our deed searches.

return: LYNCH EDWARD, LYNCH ELIZABETH, LYNCH ELLEN, LYNCH ESTHER. Unlike many other database search algorithms, the Acclaim software made by Harris Recording Solutions does not allow you force a particular search by enclosing it in quotation marks as the quotation marks are ignored similarly as with other punctuation; i.e., the search results for "*lynche*" will be exactly the same as for *lynch e*.



Name

Name: lynche

Name: Exact

Date Range

From Date

To Date: 07/15/2024

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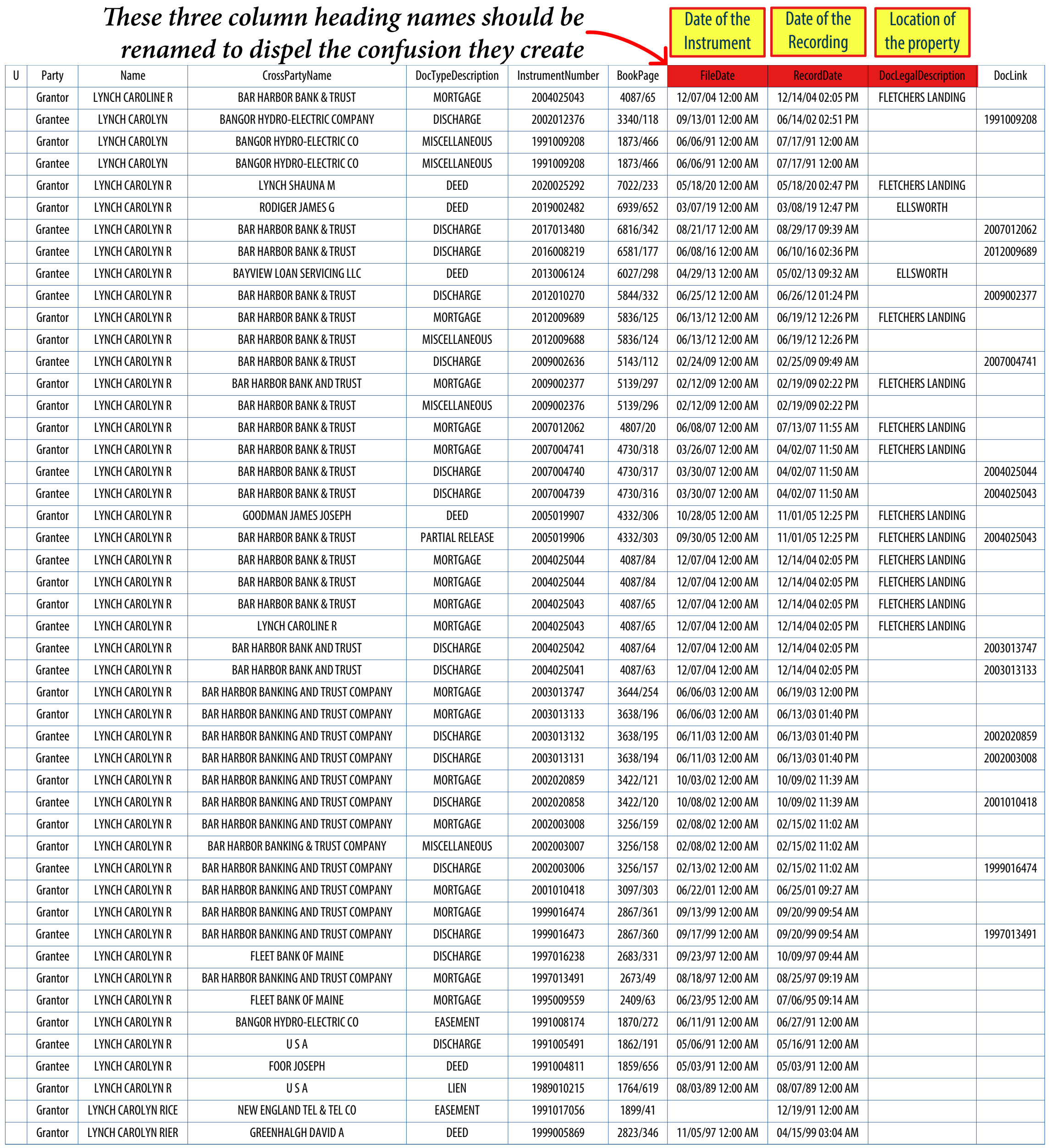
No names found. Please try your search again.

To address this type of situation, use something other than *Starts With* in the 2nd field named ***Name***. Using ***Exact*** in this case with *lynche* returned the anticipated zero results.

The *Contains* option can be problematic so use with caution.

As you begin to get familiar with the Acclaim software, you may discover other unexpected or undesired behaviors, particularly in regard to how filtering search results works. The Harris Recording Solutions website does not offer support to Acclaim users on the public-facing end of their product. They do however offer support to Acclaim users on the registrars-facing end of the software. This unfortunately means that all technical issues must first be funneled through the local registry who will then pass your issue reports, questions, and comments onto the folks at https://www.harrisrecordingsolutions.com/

At the Hancock County Registry of Deeds, the contact person is the always affable Jamie Trader, Deputy Registrar, jamie.trader@hancockcountymaine.gov



These three column heading names should be renamed to dispel the confusion they create

Date of the Instrument
Date of the Recording
Location of the property

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	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	GOODMAN JAMES JOSEPH	DEED	2005019907	4332/306	10/28/05 12:00 AM	11/01/05 12:25 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
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	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MORTGAGE	2004025043	4087/65	12/07/04 12:00 AM	12/14/04 02:05 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
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	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	U S A	DISCHARGE	1991005491	1862/191	05/06/91 12:00 AM	05/16/91 12:00 AM		
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	FOOR JOSEPH	DEED	1991004811	1859/656	05/03/91 12:00 AM	05/03/91 12:00 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	U S A	LIEN	1989010215	1764/619	08/03/89 12:00 AM	08/07/89 12:00 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN RICE	NEW ENGLAND TEL & TEL CO	EASEMENT	1991017056	1899/41		12/19/91 12:00 AM		
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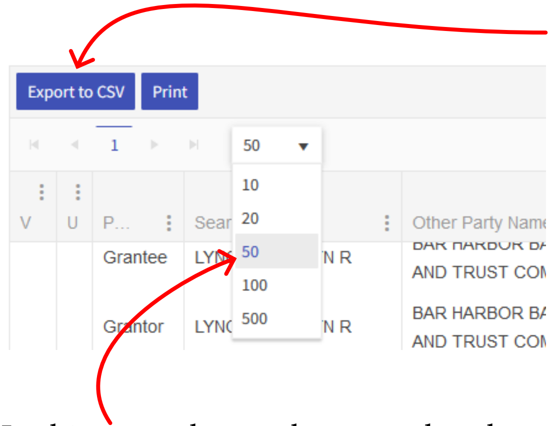


Downloading the search results in a *comma separated values* (.csv) format can be quite handy for many reasons including for this discussion (see table above) though you may want to rename the column heading names.

In this example search we see that there 48 search results. If there had been more than 50 results, and you need or might like to see all of the results displayed on a single webpage, you'll need to up the limit using the pull down menu.

When wouldn't you want to see all of the possible search results on a single scrollable webpage? When your search criteria is too broad resulting in thousands of records being returned

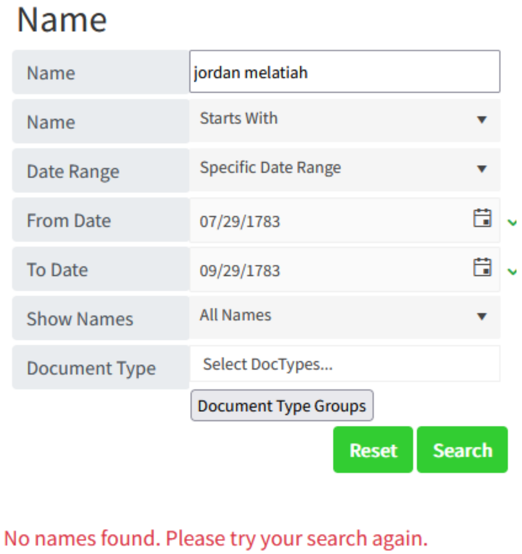
This is where filtering can help, whether it's done initially before performing the search by defining elements of the search criteria, or afterwards and filtering through the results by selectively ordering records by clicking on the column headings. Caution should be used so as not to inadvertently miss something important.

Be mindful that searches predicated on dates only relate to the date that the instrument was recorded; i.e., not the date of the instrument when it was signed and sealed by the grantor.

Possible Confusion from column header names in the CSV

FileDate - The land record could be misunderstood as having been filed in the recorders office on this date. This field can be better understood by using the words *InstrumentDate*.

RecordDate - The land record could be misunderstood as having this date when the land record was created. This field can be better understood by using the words *RecordingDate*.


Name

Name	jordan melatiah
Name	Starts With
Date Range	Specific Date Range
From Date	07/29/1783
To Date	09/29/1783
Show Names	All Names
Document Type	Select DocTypes...

No names found. Please try your search again.

Related to this field representing the date that the document was recorded at the recorders office is when performing *date-related* searches in the Acclaim software. The date of the *recording* is of only secondary importance and is most often not even given in the deed's *being* clause recitals. ***Of primary importance is the date of the instrument***, not when it was recorded. Presently, Acclaim does not allow date-related searches predicated on the date of the instrument.

DocLegalDescription - This field can be better understood by using the word *Location*. Be aware that many deeds may include multiple parcels situated in multiple locations even when only one location is displayed in the search results. This can make filtering the search results by ordering the column order based on *Municipality* potentially problematic.

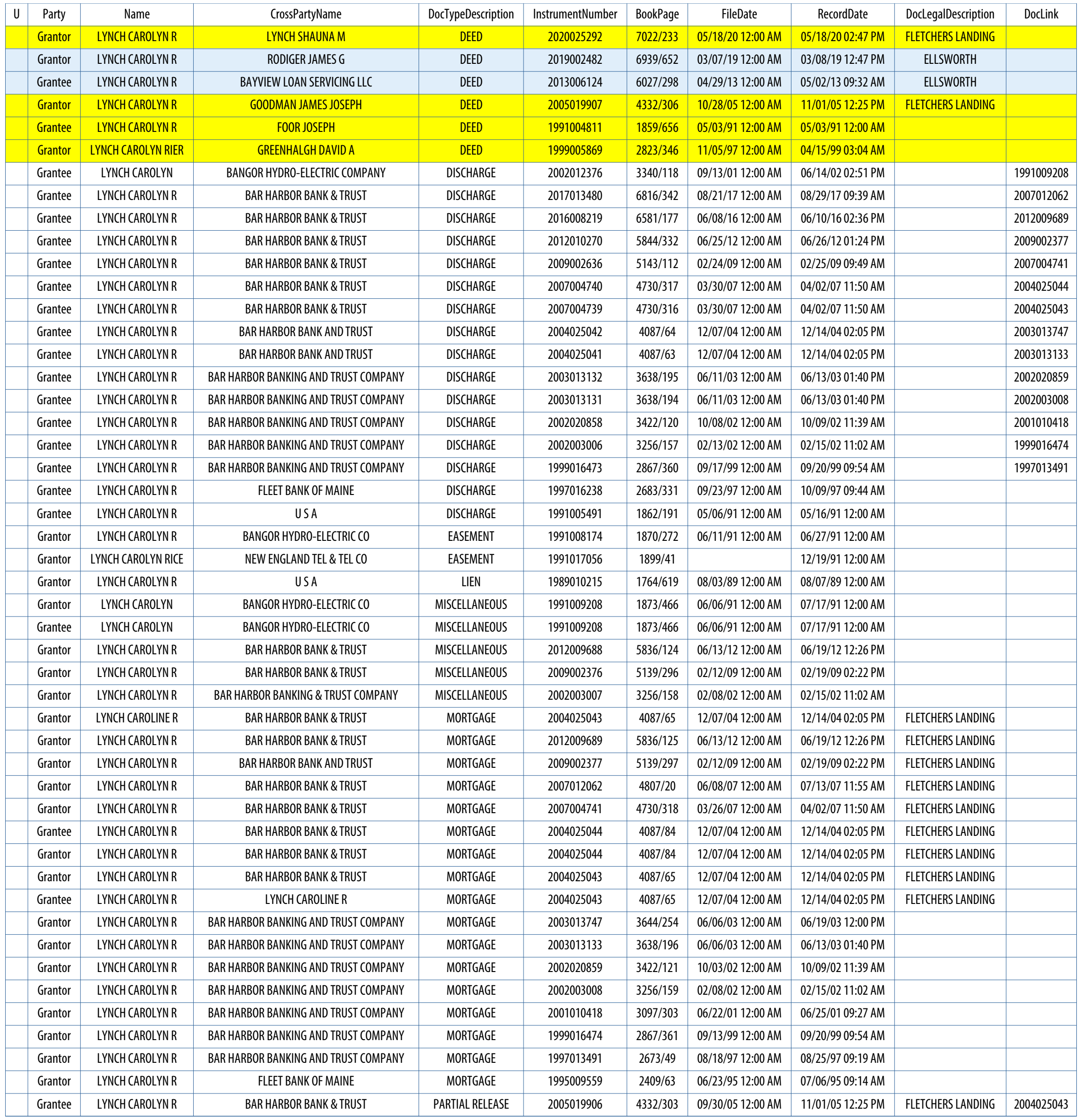
Ordering the online displayed search results (or the downloaded .csv file spreadsheet) based upon *DocType*, we see 6 deeds. These 6 deeds begin our reading list and after their review, only 4 deeds describe property in T8SD, all descend from the deed dated 3 May 1991 from Foor to Lynch recorded in Book 1859, Page 656, with 3 out-conveyances from Lynch, leaving our subject property as the *residue* of the former Foor property.

Going back to the 2023 MRS Valuation Book for Hancock County, we can then identify the subject property and its 3 out-conveyances (or outsales) in the LUPC Zoning and Parcel Viewer. However, the name of the grantees in the first outsale, *greenhalgh*, weren't located in the most recent Valuation Book.

Performing a Name search on *greenhalgh cathy* returned 5 results, one of which was the record of their divorce wherein the plaintiff, Cathy, was awarded the property, as well as mention of her name change to Rier. This new name then allowed, 1) the running of her conveyancing forward (using the Name search); and 2) cross checking for her name in the Valuation Book.

Scenario 2, with its subject property in the UT provides a first introduction to workshop attendees in performing online deed research at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds. This lot was randomly chosen, and as things go in general, this is a pretty simple case for you to perform on your own after this workshop. I encourage you to perform this exact search as I've outlined above, but without downloading the .csv file (unless you want to give it a go), using only the Acclaim online search tools. I chose using the .csv for compactly displaying the search results.

Scenario 2 - Finding the deed to the subject property when it's located in the UT



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	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	LYNCH SHAUNA M	DEED	2020025292	7022/233	05/18/20 12:00 AM	05/18/20 02:47 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	RODIGER JAMES G	DEED	2019002482	6939/652	03/07/19 12:00 AM	03/08/19 12:47 PM	ELLSWORTH	
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC	DEED	2013006124	6027/298	04/29/13 12:00 AM	05/02/13 09:32 AM	ELLSWORTH	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	GOODMAN JAMES JOSEPH	DEED	2005019907	4332/306	10/28/05 12:00 AM	11/01/05 12:25 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	FOOR JOSEPH	DEED	1991004811	1859/656	05/03/91 12:00 AM	05/03/91 12:00 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN RIER	GREENHALGH DAVID A	DEED	1999005869	2823/346	11/05/97 12:00 AM	04/15/99 03:04 AM		
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN	BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY	DISCHARGE	2002012376	3340/118	09/13/01 12:00 AM	06/14/02 02:51 PM		1991009208
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	DISCHARGE	2017013480	6816/342	08/21/17 12:00 AM	08/29/17 09:39 AM		2007012062
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	DISCHARGE	2016008219	6581/177	06/08/16 12:00 AM	06/10/16 02:36 PM		2012009689
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	DISCHARGE	2012010270	5844/332	06/25/12 12:00 AM	06/26/12 01:24 PM		2009002377
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	DISCHARGE	2009002636	5143/112	02/24/09 12:00 AM	02/25/09 09:49 AM		2007004741
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	DISCHARGE	2007004740	4730/317	03/30/07 12:00 AM	04/02/07 11:50 AM		2004025044
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	DISCHARGE	2007004739	4730/316	03/30/07 12:00 AM	04/02/07 11:50 AM		2004025043
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK AND TRUST	DISCHARGE	2004025042	4087/64	12/07/04 12:00 AM	12/14/04 02:05 PM		2003013747
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK AND TRUST	DISCHARGE	2004025041	4087/63	12/07/04 12:00 AM	12/14/04 02:05 PM		2003013133
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY	DISCHARGE	2003013132	3638/195	06/11/03 12:00 AM	06/13/03 01:40 PM		2002020859
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY	DISCHARGE	2003013131	3638/194	06/11/03 12:00 AM	06/13/03 01:40 PM		2002003008
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY	DISCHARGE	2002020858	3422/120	10/08/02 12:00 AM	10/09/02 11:39 AM		2001010418
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY	DISCHARGE	2002003006	3256/157	02/13/02 12:00 AM	02/15/02 11:02 AM		1999016474
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY	DISCHARGE	1999016473	2867/360	09/17/99 12:00 AM	09/20/99 09:54 AM		1997013491
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	FLEET BANK OF MAINE	DISCHARGE	1997016238	2683/331	09/23/97 12:00 AM	10/09/97 09:44 AM		
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	U S A	DISCHARGE	1991005491	1862/191	05/06/91 12:00 AM	05/16/91 12:00 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC CO	EASEMENT	1991008174	1870/272	06/11/91 12:00 AM	06/27/91 12:00 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN RICE	NEW ENGLAND TEL & TEL CO	EASEMENT	1991017056	1899/41		12/19/91 12:00 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	U S A	LIEN	1989010215	1764/619	08/03/89 12:00 AM	08/07/89 12:00 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN	BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC CO	MISCELLANEOUS	1991009208	1873/466	06/06/91 12:00 AM	07/17/91 12:00 AM		
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	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MISCELLANEOUS	2012009688	5836/124	06/13/12 12:00 AM	06/19/12 12:26 PM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MISCELLANEOUS	2009002376	5139/296	02/12/09 12:00 AM	02/19/09 02:22 PM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING & TRUST COMPANY	MISCELLANEOUS	2002003007	3256/158	02/08/02 12:00 AM	02/15/02 11:02 AM		
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLINE R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MORTGAGE	2004025043	4087/65	12/07/04 12:00 AM	12/14/04 02:05 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MORTGAGE	2012009689	5836/125	06/13/12 12:00 AM	06/19/12 12:26 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK AND TRUST	MORTGAGE	2009002377	5139/297	02/12/09 12:00 AM	02/19/09 02:22 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MORTGAGE	2007012062	4807/20	06/08/07 12:00 AM	07/13/07 11:55 AM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MORTGAGE	2007004741	4730/318	03/26/07 12:00 AM	04/02/07 11:50 AM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MORTGAGE	2004025044	4087/84	12/07/04 12:00 AM	12/14/04 02:05 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	MORTGAGE	2004025044	4087/84	12/07/04 12:00 AM	12/14/04 02:05 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
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	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	LYNCH CAROLINE R	MORTGAGE	2004025043	4087/65	12/07/04 12:00 AM	12/14/04 02:05 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY	MORTGAGE	2003013747	3644/254	06/06/03 12:00 AM	06/19/03 12:00 PM		
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	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY	MORTGAGE	1999016474	2867/361	09/13/99 12:00 AM	09/20/99 09:54 AM		
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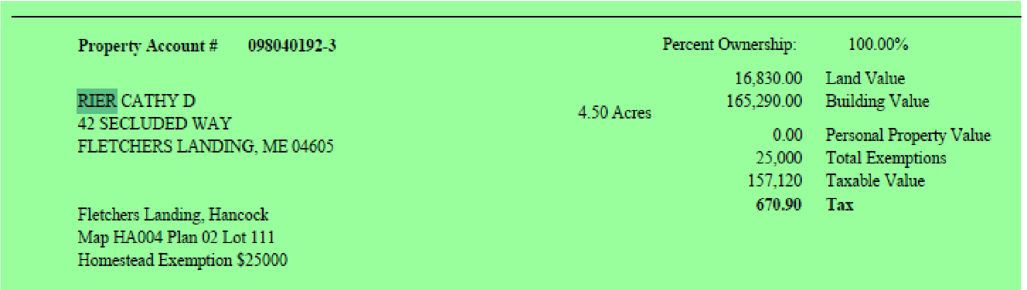
	Grantor	LYNCH CAROLYN R	FLEET BANK OF MAINE	MORTGAGE	1995009559	2409/63	06/23/95 12:00 AM	07/06/95 09:14 AM		
	Grantee	LYNCH CAROLYN R	BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST	PARTIAL RELEASE	2005019906	4332/303	09/30/05 12:00 AM	11/01/05 12:25 PM	FLETCHERS LANDING	2004025043



Property Account # 098040192-3

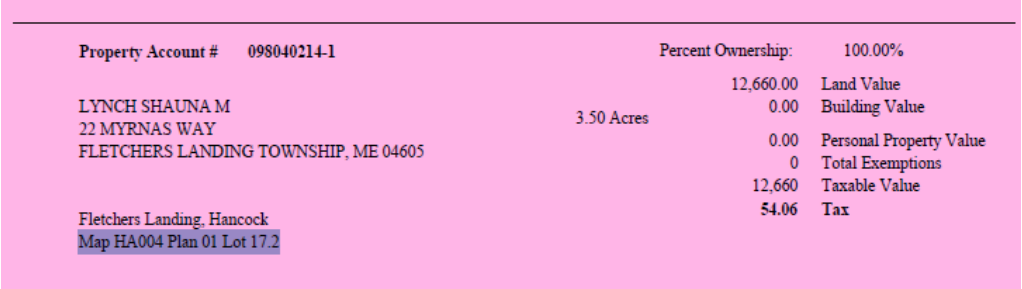
RIER CATHY D
42 SECLUDED WAY
FLETCHERS LANDING, ME 04605

4.50 Acres

Fletchers Landing, Hancock
Map HA004 Plan 02 Lot 111
Homestead Exemption $25000

Percent Ownership: 100.00%

16,830.00	Land Value
165,290.00	Building Value
0.00	Personal Property Value
25,000	Total Exemptions
157,120	Taxable Value
670.90	**Tax**



Property Account # 098040214-1

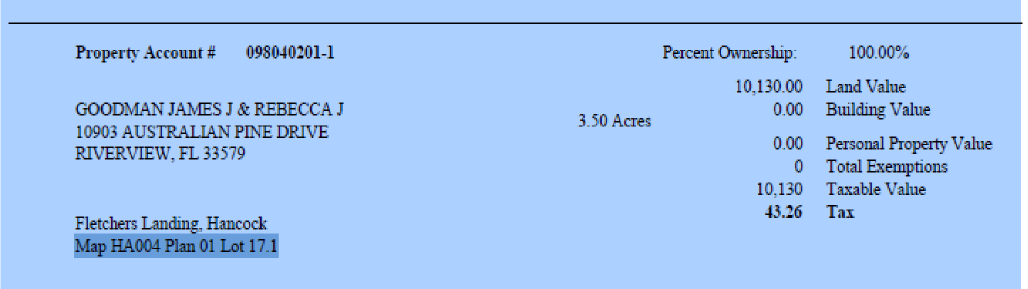
LYNCH SHAUNA M
22 MYRNAS WAY
FLETCHERS LANDING TOWNSHIP, ME 04605

3.50 Acres

Fletchers Landing, Hancock
Map HA004 Plan 01 Lot 17.2

Percent Ownership: 100.00%

12,660.00	Land Value
0.00	Building Value
0.00	Personal Property Value
0	Total Exemptions
12,660	Taxable Value
54.06	**Tax**



Property Account # 098040201-1

GOODMAN JAMES J & REBECCA J
10903 AUSTRALIAN PINE DRIVE
RIVERVIEW, FL 33579

3.50 Acres

Fletchers Landing, Hancock
Map HA004 Plan 01 Lot 17.1

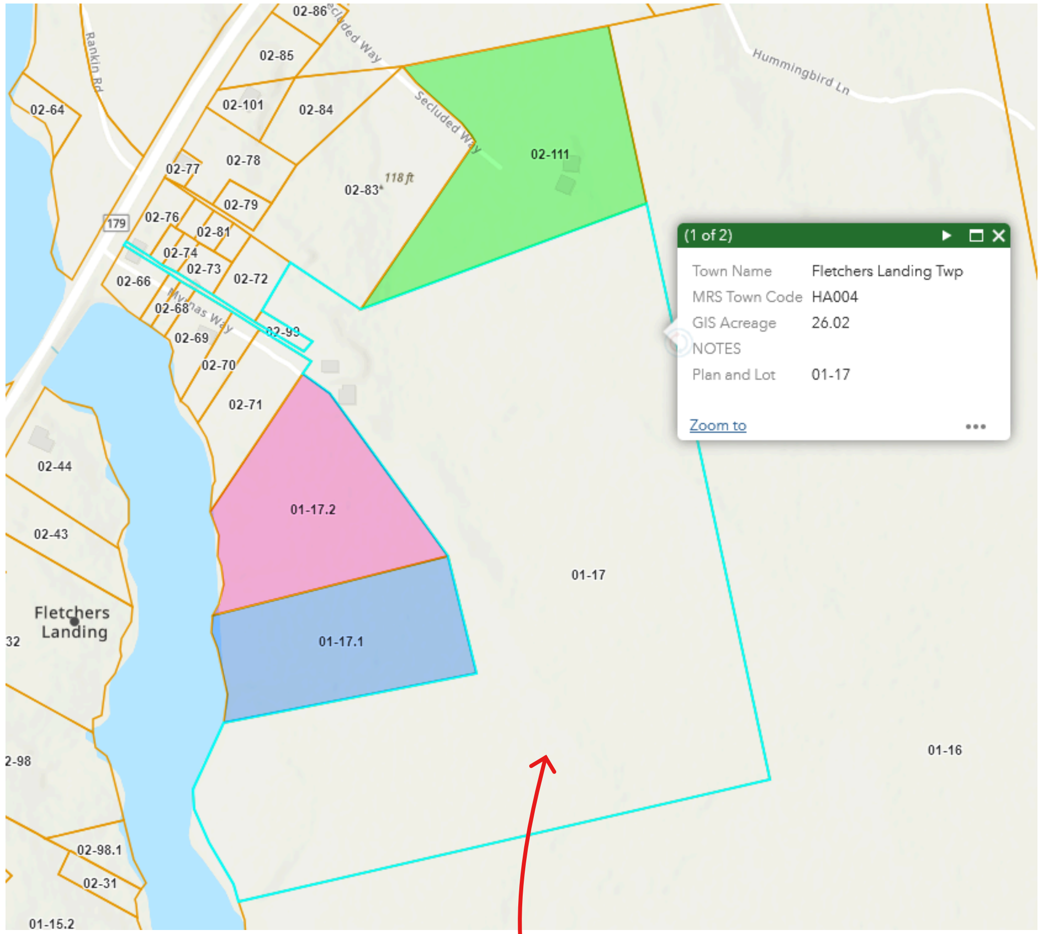
Percent Ownership: 100.00%

10,130.00	Land Value
0.00	Building Value
0.00	Personal Property Value
0	Total Exemptions
10,130	Taxable Value
43.26	**Tax**

Area Comparisons

Plan Lot	*MRS area*	*Deed*	*Deed area*
01-017	*21.96*	*1859/658*	*32*
01-017.1	*3.5*	*4332/306*	*3.5*
01-017.2	*3.5*	*7022/233*	*3.5*
02-111	*4.5*	*2823/346*	*4.5*

Earlier I mentioned that it's worth keeping an eye on the area cited by the assessor in their Valuation Book and what is cited in the deed as this will help to serve as one quick check. In this example, the area of all 3 outsales are the same. The area that's reported by the assessor in their Valuation Book for the subject property is in close agreement with the area cited in the Grantees' deed less the 3 outsales that were made by them. The approximate 4-acre difference between the 2023 MRS Valuation Book for Hancock County and the GIS Acreage reported using the LUPC Zoning and Parcel Viewer indicates a potential issue that the LUPC should investigate.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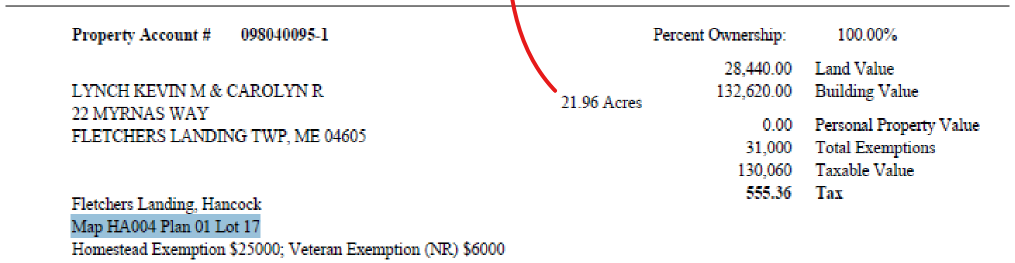
Secluded Way
Rankin Rd
02-85
Hummingbird Ln
02-64
02-101
02-84
Secluded Way
02-111
02-77
02-78
118 ft
02-83
179
02-79
02-76
02-81
02-74
02-73
02-72
02-66
02-68
Myrnas Way
02-99
02-69
02-70
02-71
02-44
01-17.2
02-43
01-17
Fletchers Landing
32
01-17.1
2-98
01-16
02-98.1
02-31
01-15.2
(1 of 2)
Zoom to

Town Name	Fletchers Landing Twp
MRS Town Code	HA004
GIS Acreage	26.02
NOTES	
Plan and Lot	01-17



Property Account # 098040095-1

LYNCH KEVIN M & CAROLYN R
22 MYRNAS WAY
FLETCHERS LANDING TWP, ME 04605

21.96 Acres

Fletchers Landing, Hancock
Map HA004 Plan 01 Lot 17
Homestead Exemption $25000; Veteran Exemption (NR) $6000

Percent Ownership: 100.00%

28,440.00	Land Value
132,620.00	Building Value
0.00	Personal Property Value
31,000	Total Exemptions
130,060	Taxable Value
555.36	**Tax**

Visualizing what you read

Before you begin reading a deed, embrace its visualization. Have a scrap of paper, the back of an envelope, a napkin, anything to sketch on as you begin reading the description of the property. It's not a work of art, it's a work of your mind, and you very well may want to draw the parcel a second or third time as the image of the subject property becomes clearer and you piece things together.

Annotate and date the drawing. Everything that gets mentioned in the description deserves your attention. Keeping note of these bits on your drawing as it evolves will serve you greatly.

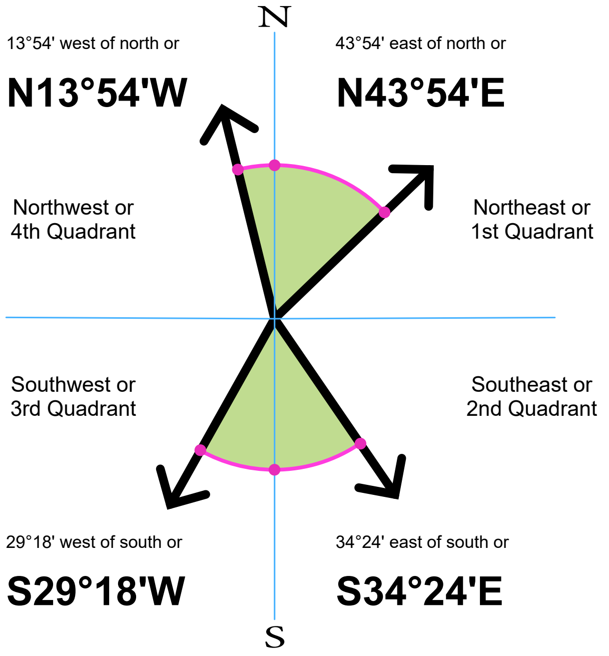
Keeping Track of Time

Dating your drawing will you help locate items that were downloaded around the time you made your drawing; e.g., deeds.

Always note the date of the instrument that you're sketching as it will help you begin to visualize temporal changes of the boundaries and the people claiming them.

Bearings indicate direction

Bearings are most generally expressed as an angle measured either east or west of north or south. Bearings indicate a direction, or course of travel going from one point in the deed to the next point in the deed.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13°54' west of north or
N13°54'W
43°54' east of north or
N43°54'E
Northwest or
4th Quadrant
Northeast or
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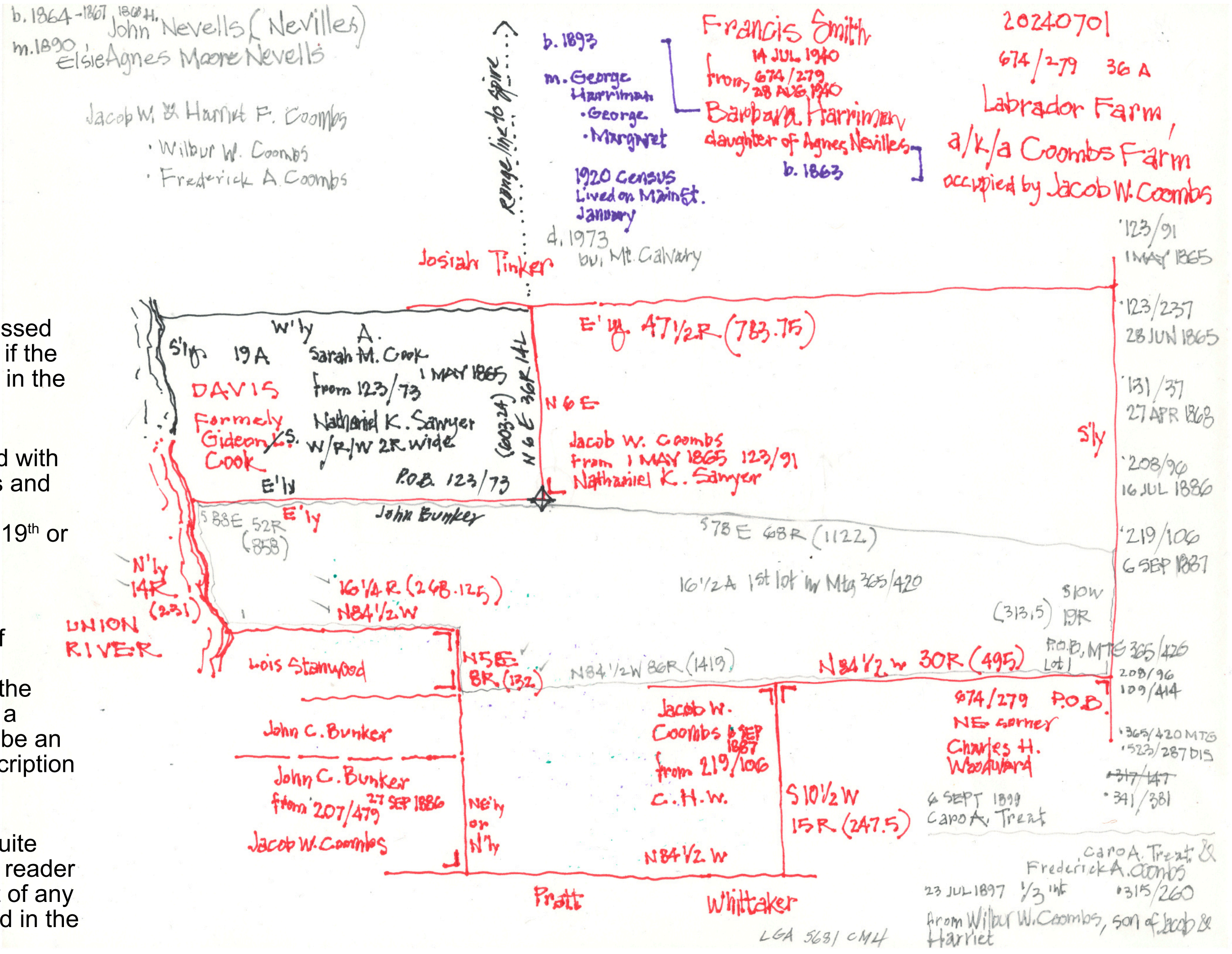
Southwest or
3rd Quadrant
Southeast or
2nd Quadrant
29°18' west of south or
S29°18'W
34°24' east of south or
S34°24'E
S

Distances are expressed typically in units of feet if the description was written in the 20th century or later.

If you're reading a deed with units expressed in rods and links, then it was likely originally written in the 19th or 18th century.

In addition to the clues revealed by the units of distance and when the description originated, the expressed precision of a measurement will also be an indicator when the description was first written.

These clues become quite useful by informing the reader of the temporal context of any names that are included in the description.


b. 1864-1867 1868 H.
John Nevells (Nevilles)
m. 1890
Elsie Agnes Moore Nevells
Jacob W. & Harriet F. Coombs
· Wilbur W. Coombs
· Frederick A. Coombs
Range line to spire
b. 1893
m. George Harriman
· George
· Margaret
1920 Census
Lived on Main St.
January
d. 1973
bu. Mt. Calvary
Francis Smith
14 JUL 1940
from 674/279
28 AUG 1940
Barbara Harriman
daughter of Agnes Nevilles
b. 1863
20240701
674/279 36 A
Labrador Farm,
a/k/a Coombs Farm
occupied by Jacob W. Coombs
Josiah Tinker
123/91
1 MAY 1865
123/237
28 JUN 1865
131/37
27 APR 1868
208/96
16 JUL 1886
219/106
6 SEP 1887
W'ly
A.
S'ly
19 A
Sarah M. Cook
from 123/73
1 MAY 1865
DAVIS
Formely
Gideon L.S.
Cook
Nathaniel K. Sawyer
W/R/W 2R wide
P.O.B. 123/73
E'ly
(603.24) N 6 E 36R 14L
E'ly 47½R (783.75)
N 6 E
Jacob W. Coombs
from 1 MAY 1865 123/91
Nathaniel K. Sawyer
S'ly
S 83 E 52R
(858)
E'ly
John Bunker
S 78 E 68R (1122)
N'ly
14R
(231)
UNION RIVER
16¼R (268.125)
N84½W
16½A 1st lot in Mtg 365/420
S 10 W
(313.5) 19R
Lois Stanwood
N5E
8R (132)
N84½W 86R (1419)
N84½W 30R (495)
P.O.B. MTG 365/426
Lot 1
208/96
109/414
John C. Bunker
John C. Bunker
from 207/479 27 SEP 1886
Jacob W. Coombs
NE'ly
or
N'ly
Jacob W. Coombs 6 SEP 1887
from 219/106
C.H.W.
N84½W
S10½W
15R (247.5)
674/279 P.O.B.
NE corner
Charles H. Woodward
6 SEPT 1899
Caro A. Treat
365/420 MTG
523/287 DIS
~~317/147~~
341/381
Caro A. Treat &
Frederick A. Coombs
23 JUL 1897 ⅓ int
315/260
from Wilbur W. Coombs, son of Jacob & Harriet
Pratt
Whittaker
LGA 5681 CM4

A brief word on North

As already mentioned, bearings indicate a direction of travel with their orientation related to north. Increasingly, in deed descriptions written in the late 20th century and forward, there will often be a stated basis of north; e.g., 1988 magnetic, state plane grid, etc., but in older descriptions it is generally presumed as being magnetic at the time of the survey, unless otherwise stated. Rarely will the date of the survey be given in old deeds, though a reasonable guess can be determined through discovery of the date of the description using that bearing for the first time.

Possibly as rarely, the local historian might care to keep this in mind when observing various deeds over different dates that have given differing bearings for the same boundary line. This is largely due to the ever changing pull of the needle, what Harry often called the *wet noodle*, but is referred to more often as the change in magnetic declination. Here in the northeast, that pull of the needle has historically been westward of true north with the range of this variation in Ellsworth being very nearly 10° since 1760.

The chart on the right shows declination values for a local position between the settlers lots for Levi Foster and Ebenezer Jordan. The values were produced using the handy tool provided by NOAA, Magnetic Field Calculators, and specifically on the U.S. Historic Declination tab. https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/calculators/magcalc.shtml#ushistoric

Latitude:	44.5235	N
Longitude:	68.4226	W
Year	Declination	
1760	10.52	W
1770	10.45	W
1780	10.60	W
1790	10.85	W
1800	11.30	W
1810	11.88	W
1820	12.55	W
1830	13.32	W
1840	14.12	W
1850	14.95	W
1860	15.70	W
1870	16.20	W
1880	16.58	W
1890	16.83	W
1900	17.17	W
1905	17.58	W
1910	18.03	W
1915	18.48	W
1920	18.80	W
1925	19.17	W
1930	19.43	W
1935	19.63	W
1940	19.73	W
1945	19.78	W
1950	19.67	W
1955	19.62	W
1960	19.55	W
1965	19.37	W
1970	19.18	W
1975	19.02	W
1980	18.93	W
1985	18.55	W
1990	18.47	W
1995	18.35	W
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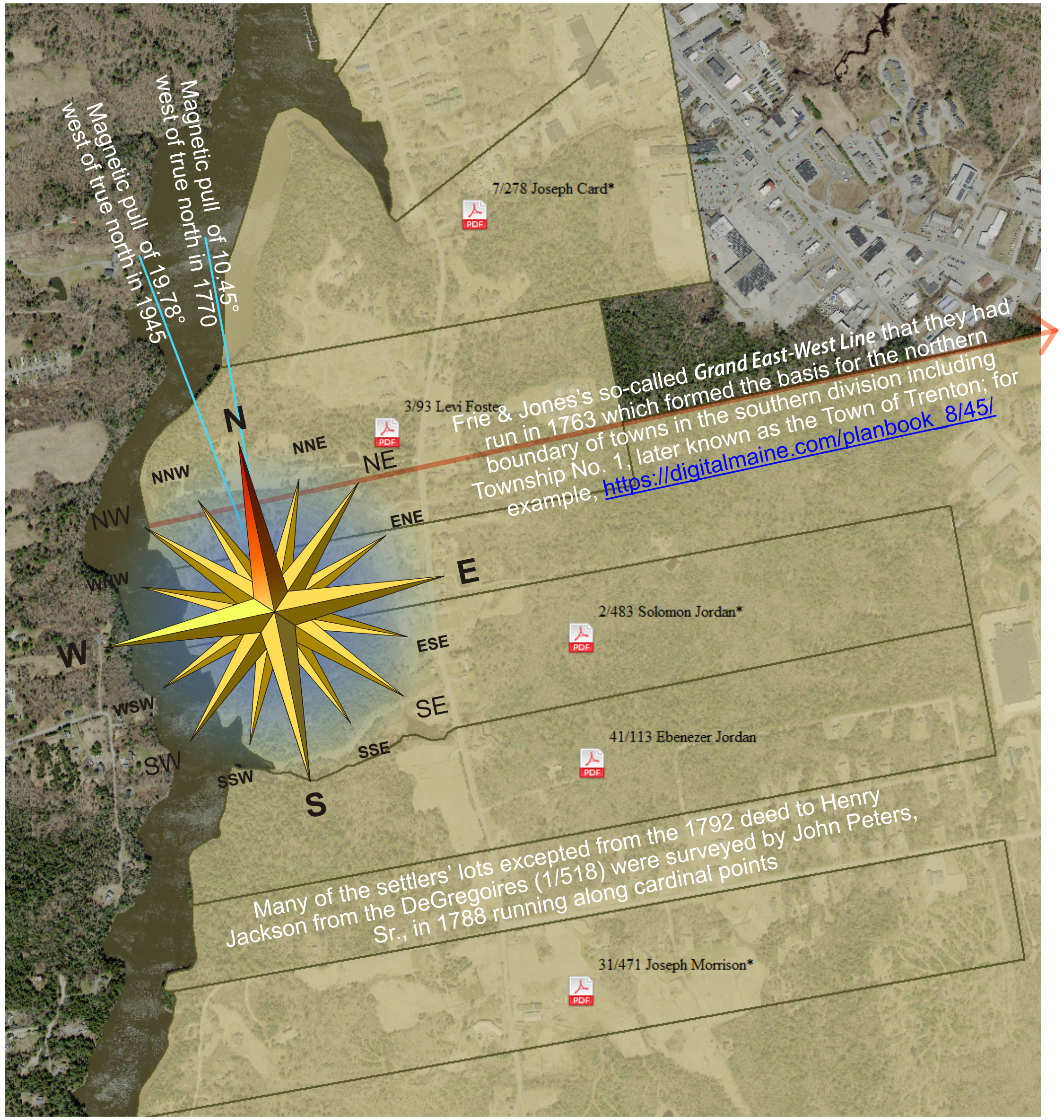
2005	17.48	W
2010	16.98	W
2015	16.47	W
2020	15.90	W
2024	15.43	W



Frie & Jones's so-called ***Grand East-West Line*** that they had run in 1763 which formed the basis for the northern boundary of towns in the southern division including Township No. 1, later known as the Town of Trenton; for example, https://digitalmaine.com/planbook_8/45/

Many of the settlers' lots excepted from the 1792 deed to Henry Jackson from the DeGregoires (1/518) were surveyed by John Peters, Sr., in 1788 running along cardinal points

Dealing with deeds recorded prior to 1903

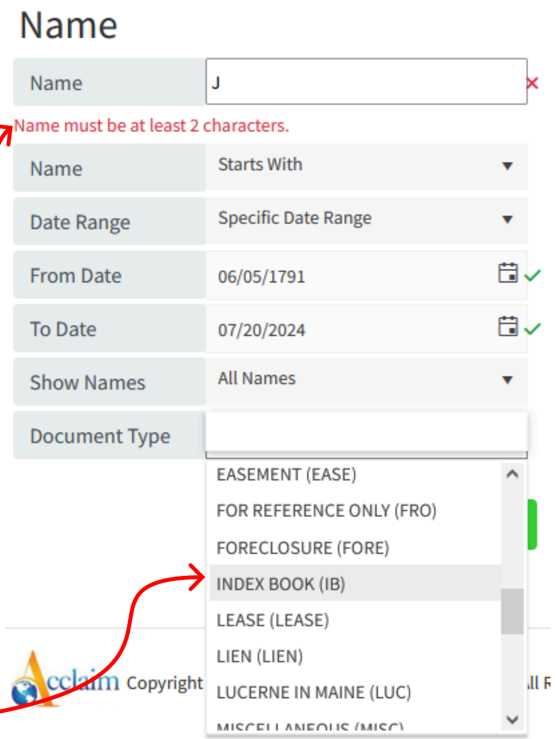
As mentioned earlier, the staff at the HCRD are steadily working on the nontrivial job of indexing all documents from 1790-1902. This means that there will be omissions so don't rely on the search results displayed for deeds recorded prior to 1903. Prudence suggests that you should *never* rely in whole, or in part, on the search results when seeking information in Hancock County involving deeds that were recorded prior to 1903; that is, not until the Registrar of Deeds indicates that all deeds have been indexed and verified. This is a huge undertaking and will take time.

In the meantime, thankfully, the staff at the Registry of Deeds have provided scanned images of the grantor-grantee index books that cover the period from 1790 to 1903.

To access these special images using the Acclaim search system, begin by performing a name search using just the first letter of the surname. For example, let's say we're interested in running the name *Jordan*.

Entering only one letter will cause the system to issue a warning, but that can be ignored when you are specifically wanting to find all of the Index Books from 1790 to 1903 beginning with that letter.

Before running the Acclaim Name search, from the pull down *Document Type* list, select ***INDEX BOOK (IB)***.



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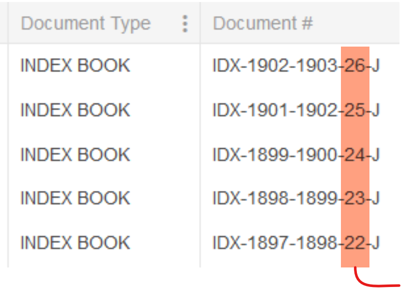

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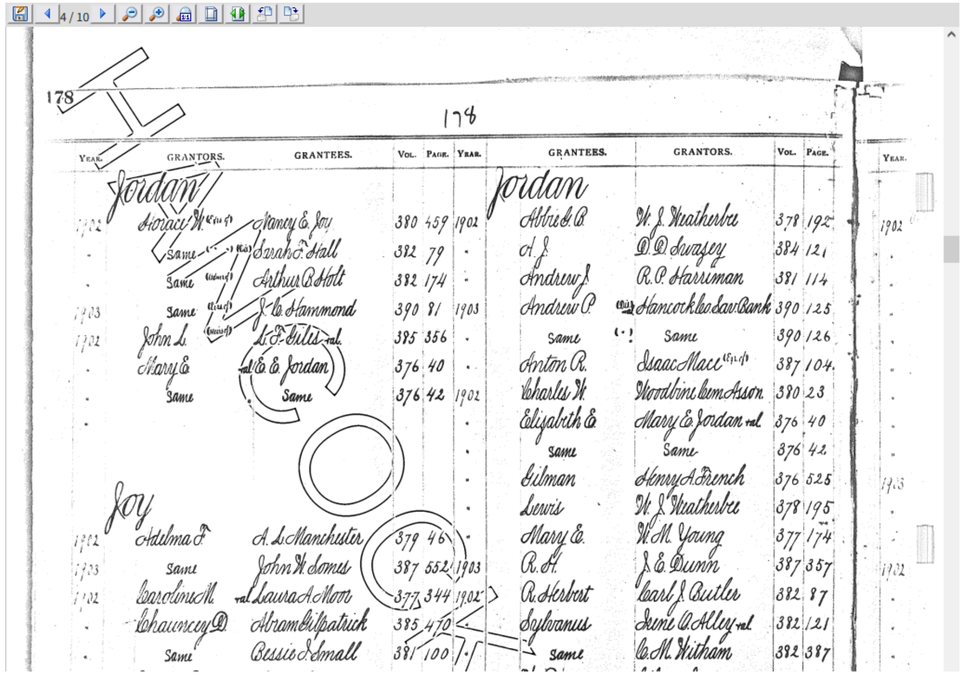
Don't be thrown if you notice, for example in the sequence to the left, that there is no *IDX-1900-1901*, as the index book volume numbers remain sequential.

Index books contain several pages, each typically providing grantors on the left side of each page and grantees on the right side, and while the surnames will always be alphabetically ordered, given names may sometimes appear in the order in which they were entered. This is very book specific, so just be aware that given names may not be always be ordered alphabetically.



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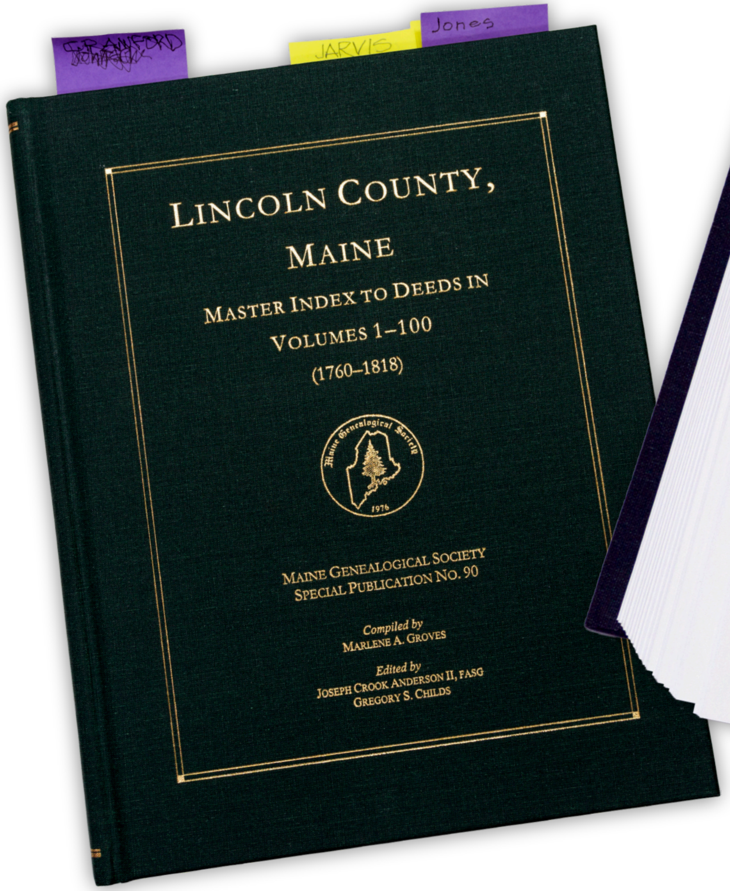
Dealing with deeds recorded prior to 1790

After 1760 and before 1790, deeds were recorded in Lincoln County Registry of Deeds. If you do any deed research in Maine straddling either side of the American Revolution era, this amazing book compiled by Marlene A. Groves is essential.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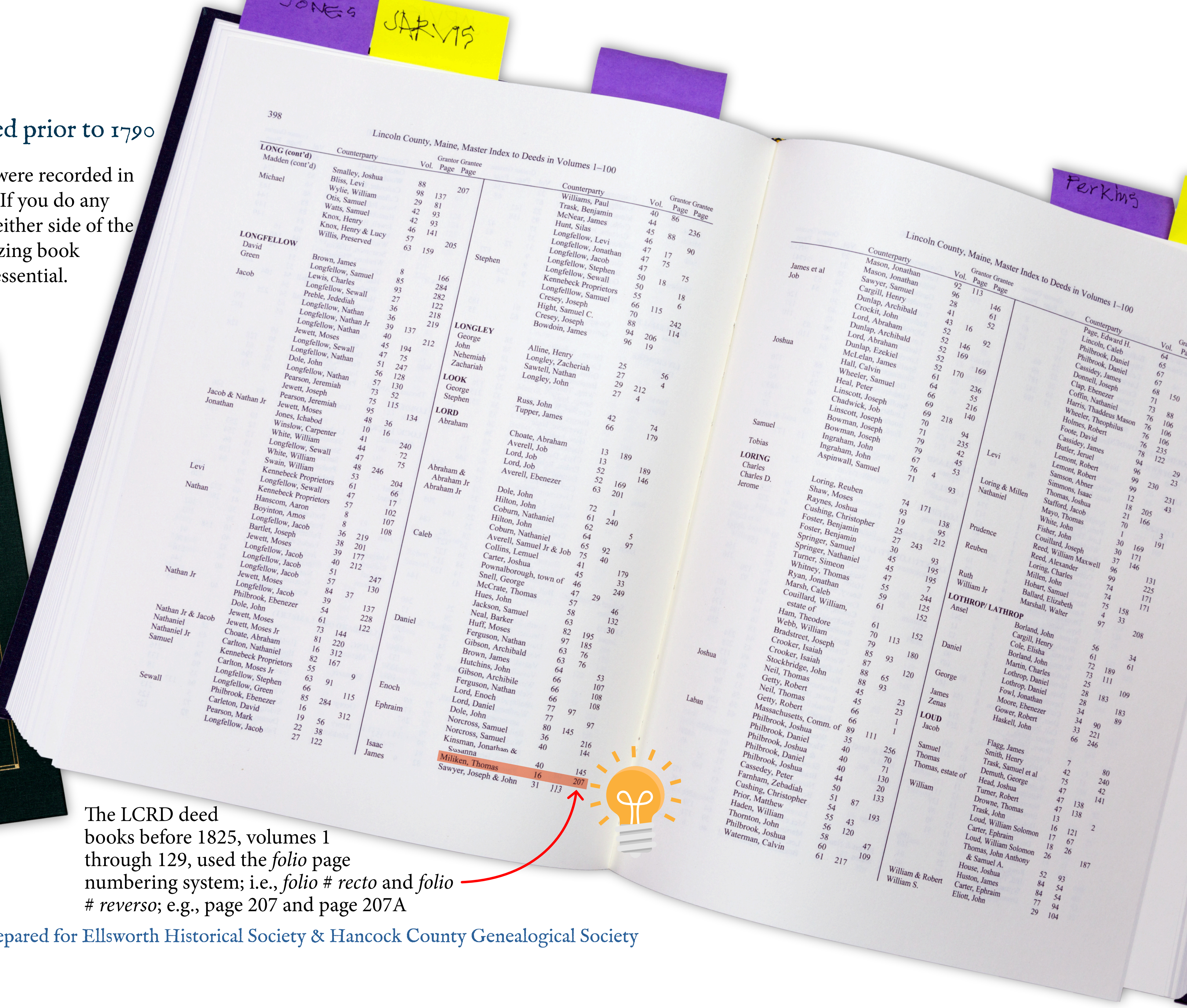
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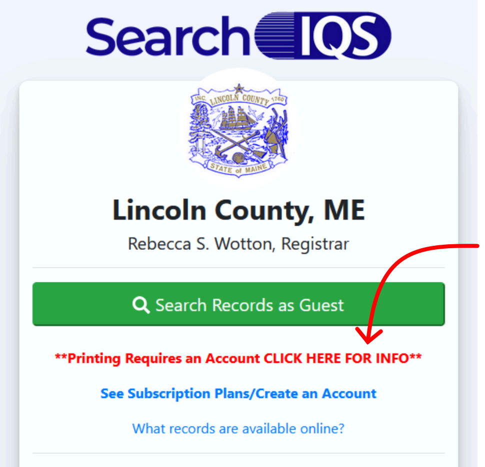
The LCRD deed books before 1825, volumes 1 through 129, used the *folio* page numbering system; i.e., *folio # recto* and *folio # reverso*; e.g., page 207 and page 207A

This book is particularly useful (*read necessary*) if you plan on doing any research *online* at the Lincoln County Registry of Deeds, https://www.searchiqs.com/meLin/Login.aspx

If you're able to get to the Ellsworth Public Library, you can find a copy for general reference only; i.e., it cannot be checked out. Alternatively, you may purchase this book directly; MGS members $30, non-members $35, from the MGS website: https://maineroots.org/shop/other-special-publications/product/94-lincoln-county-maine-master-index-to-deeds-in-volumes-1-100-90.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What records are available online?

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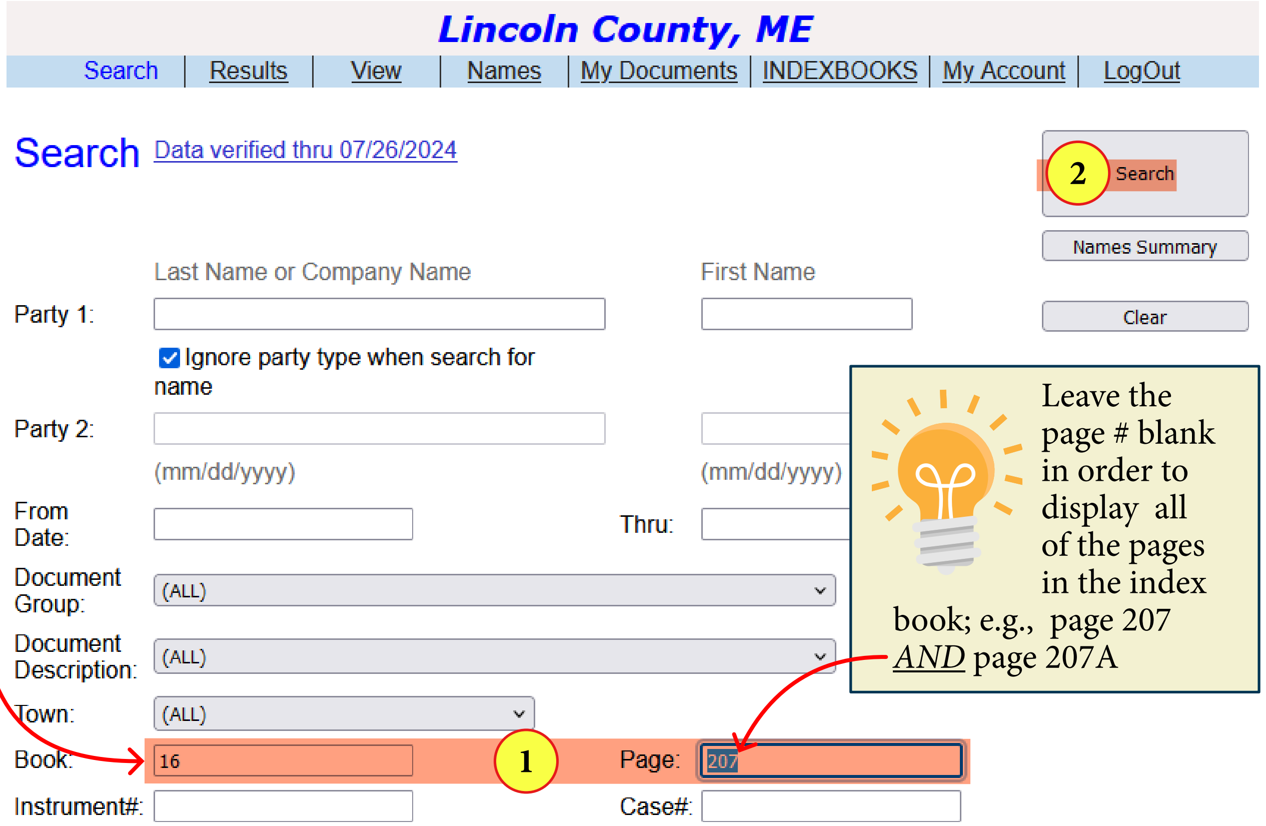
You'll need to set up an account if you intend to download copies of the deeds.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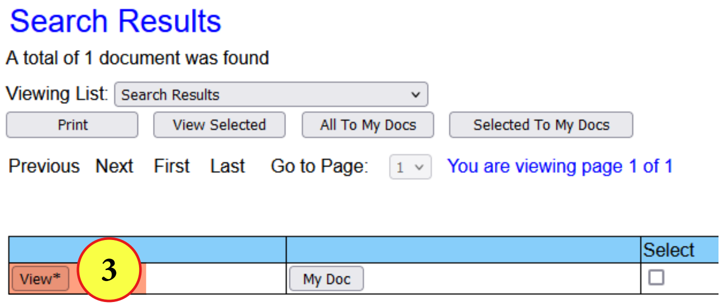
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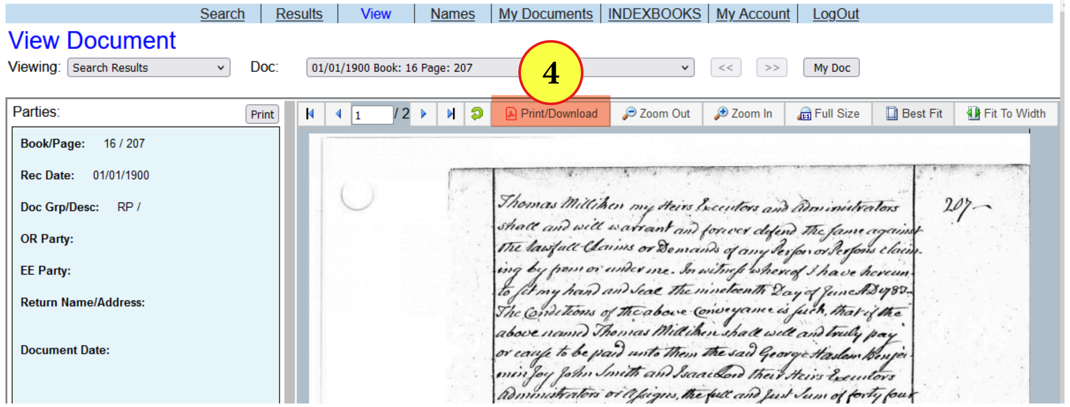
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Thomas Milliken my Heirs Executors and Administrators
shall and will warrant and forever defend the ſame against
the lawfull Claims or Demands of any Perſon or Perſons claim-
ing by from or under me. In witneſs whereof I have hereun-
to ſet my hand and Seal the nineteenth Day of June AD1783.
The Conditions of the above Conveyance is ſuch, that if the
above named Thomas Milliken shall well and truly pay
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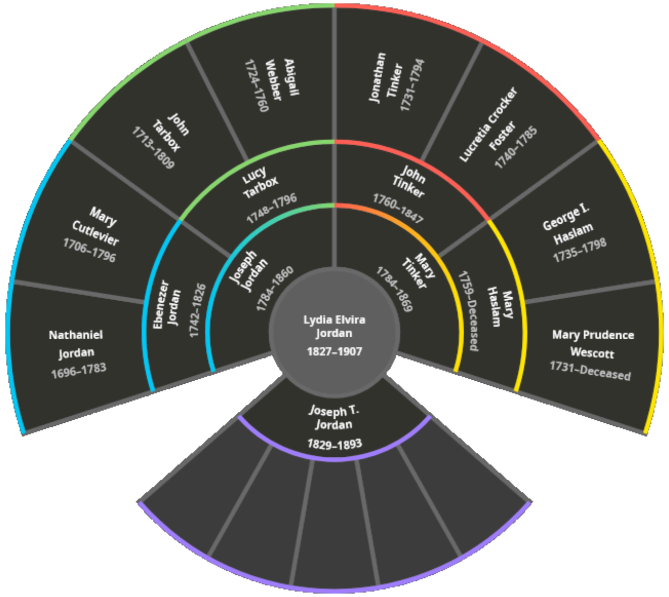
Administrators or Aſsigns, the full and just Sum of forty four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John Tinker 1760–1847
Mary Haslam 1759–Deceased
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Mary Cutlevier 1706–1796
John Tarbox 1713–1809
Abigail Webber 1724–1760
Jonathan Tinker 1731–1794
Lucretia Crocker Foster 1740–1785
George I. Haslam 1735–1798
Mary Prudence Wescott 1731–Deceased

Augmenting deed work with genealogy

It's good practice to pay attention to the name of the spouse of the grantor if it appears at the end of the deed when the spouse is also releasing any interests. This clue can be sufficient in clearing up uncertainty when the grantor's name is shared by multiple individuals.

It can be a little trickier differentiating which Joe Grantee is on the receiving end of the deed. Joe Grantee; Joe Grantee, Sr.; Joe Grantee, Jr.; and Joe Grantee, II, may all be living contemporaneously in the same county, or even living in the same town.

Middle initials can oftentimes help, if and when they're used, but what to do when no middle initial is given, or when the middle initial indicates a maiden name instead of her given middle name, or there are other uncertainties of identity?

Deed research can frequently benefit from doing genealogical research; for example, to differentiate which person is involved in the conveyance when the name is shared by multiple individuals, or when the name changes such as from marriage or divorce.

Though it happens infrequently, things can look puzzling when the surname of both the groom and bride are the same, such as in the chain of title for the southern subject property, the lot owned by the Frenchman Bay Conservancy known as the Jordan Homestead Preserve. In this example, we see the married couple, Lydia Jordan & Joseph Jordan who were distantly related by blood. The patriarchal lines were eventually seen converging going back 6 and 8 generations respectively to a common couple; Reverend Robert Jordan and Sarah Winter.

Probate records, affidavits, and other records including census records are all useful in affirming identities. For example, extrinsic records helped clear up confusion introduced in various deeds where Elvira Jordan, Elvira L. Jordan, Lydia Jordan, or Lydia E. Jordan were involved; collectively these records proved they all were the same person.

Also, when searching, simply knowing the years that the person lived can be helpful. For example, Lydia couldn't have been involved in any conveyances prior to her birth in 1827 so there would be no need running her behind her birth date. I stopped running her back to 1844. It's worth noting that it's possible for minors to be involved in conveyancing, but through an appointed guardian.

Most importantly, don't stop searching after you know when the person has died. Late recordings are quite common, so run forward in time through to the present even though the person has long since died when trying to find that missing deed.

Genealogical information can also help when there was no will, and the person died *intestate*. The records at the Registry of Probate may include additional information related to the decedent who died intestate, as well as those decedents that died with a will, *testate*. The will that's recently gone through probate court will most often be recorded in the registry of deeds. When you've hit a wall in your deed research, the probate office often will help, just keep in mind that many people die intestate but their estates don't necessarily go through probate. For more on searching probate see: https://www.maineprobate.net/search/

Lydia Elvira Jordan - 6th Generation Descendant of Rev. Robert Jordan

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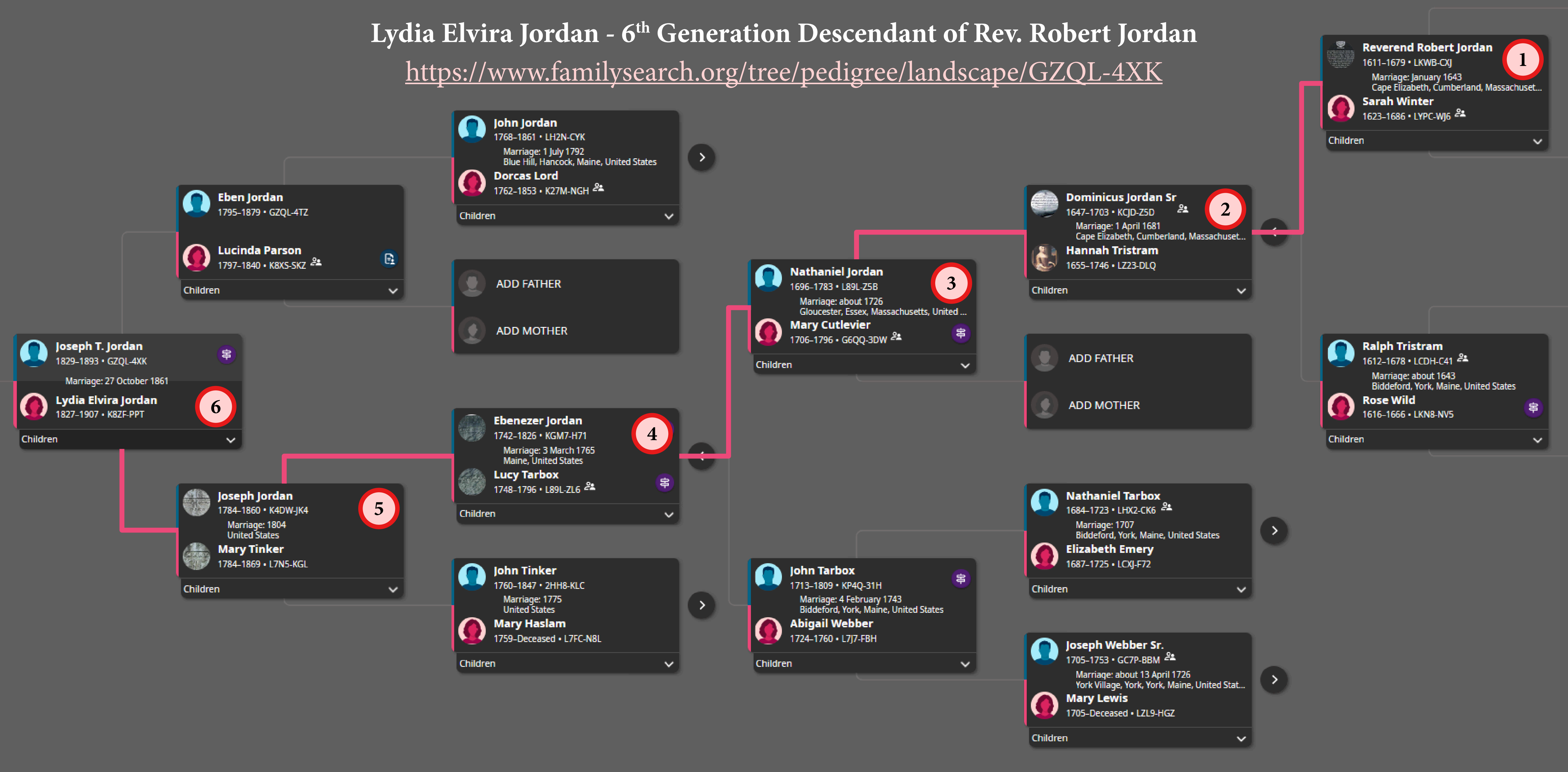

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Children

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Marriage: 1804
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Mary Tinker
1784–1869 • L7N5-KGL
Children

John Jordan
1768–1861 • LH2N-CYK
Marriage: 1 July 1792
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Children

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1748–1796 • L89L-ZL6
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1760–1847 • 2HH8-KLC
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Children

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1724–1760 • L7J7-FBH
Children

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Children

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Children

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Children

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Children

Joseph T. Jordan - 8th Generation Descendant of Rev. Robert Jordan

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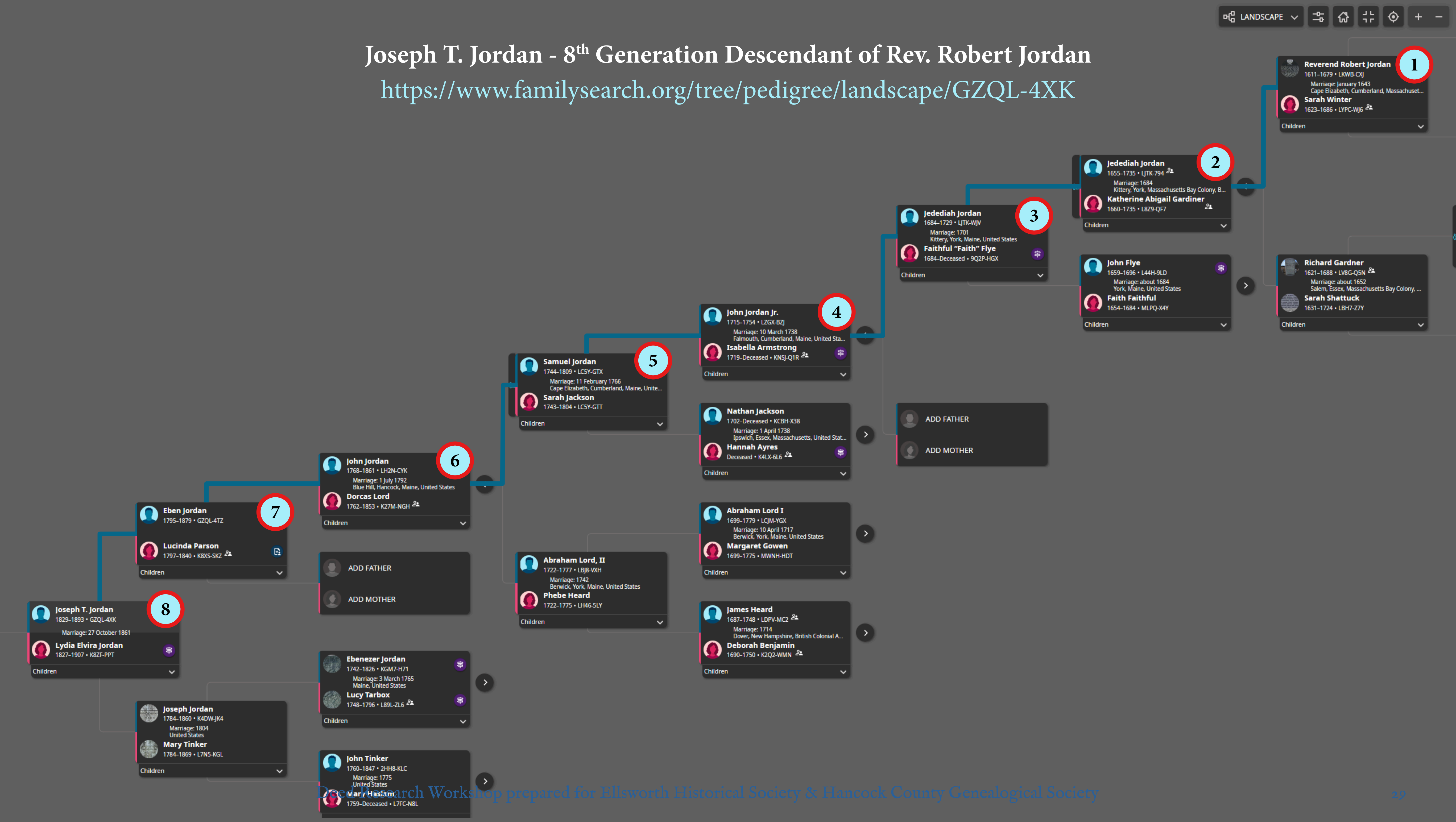

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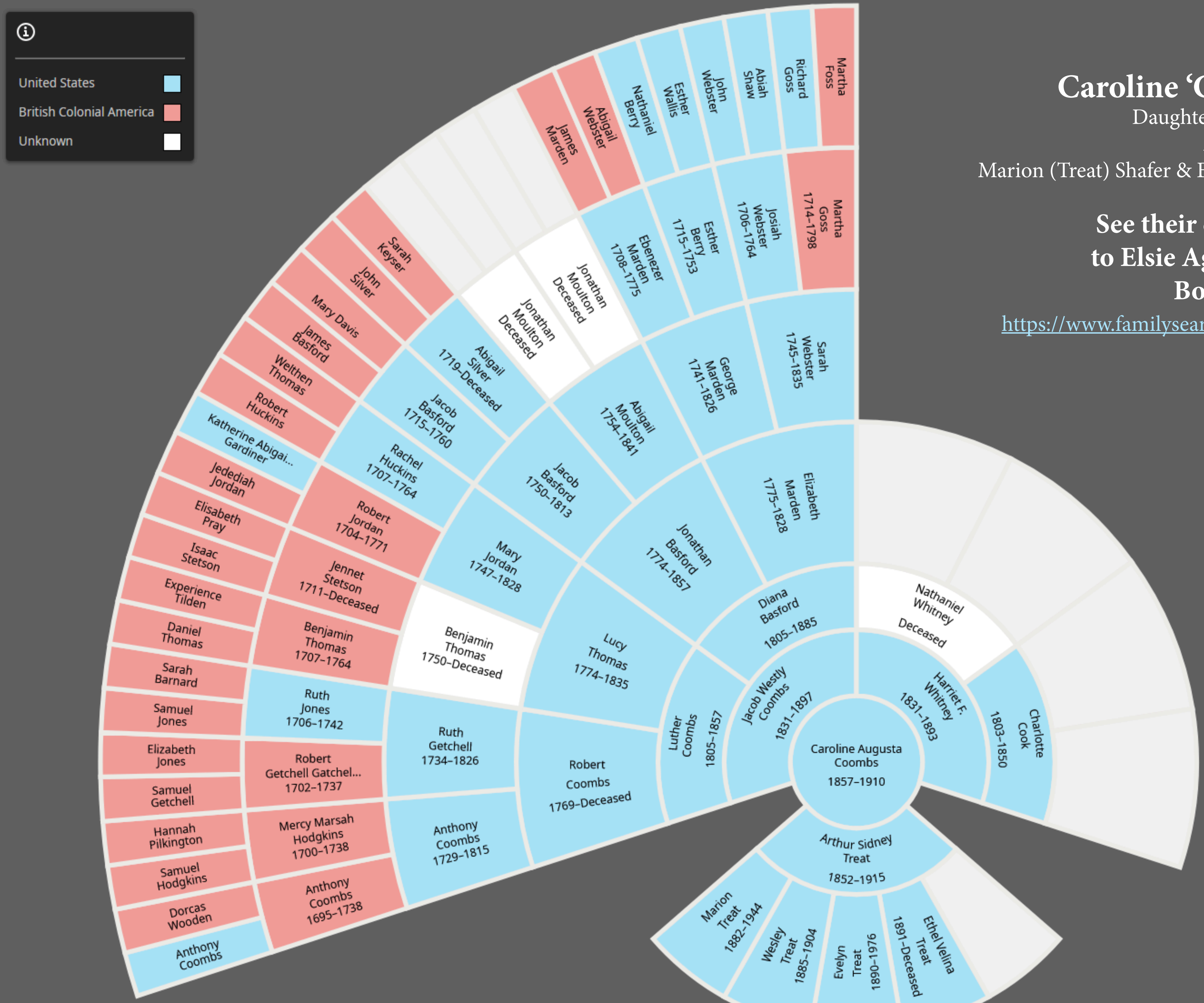
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Marion Treat 1882–1944
Wesley Treat 1885–1904
Evelyn Treat 1890–1976
Ethel Velina Treat 1891–Deceased
Luther Coombs 1805–1857
Diana Basford 1805–1885
Nathaniel Whitney Deceased
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Robert Coombs 1769–Deceased
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Jacob Basford 1750–1813
Abigail Moulton 1754–1841
George Marden 1741–1826
Sarah Webster 1745–1835
Anthony Coombs 1695–1738
Mercy Marsah Hodgkins 1700–1738
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Mary Davis
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Sarah Keyser
James Marden
Abigail Webster
Nathaniel Berry
Esther Wallis
John Webster
Abiah Shaw
Richard Goss
Martha Foss

Caroline 'Caro' Augusta Coombs

Daughter of Jacob Wesley Coombs
And the mother of
Marion (Treat) Shafer & Evelyn (Treat) Barrett, Jacob's surviving heirs

See their deed dated 18 July 1918 to Elsie Agnes Neville recorded in Book 543, Page 127

https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/fanchart/LDF6-1Y9

The northern subject property, the lot presently owned by David & Kimberly Pede, is another good example of how genealogy records can aid the deed researcher.

The eastern portion of the Pede property was once part of what was formerly known as the ***Coombs farm***. The property eventually passed to Caroline 'Caro' Augusta (Coombs) Treat, the daughter of Jacob Wesley Combs. Caro lived in New York and after she died, no record was found, neither in New York nor in Maine, that pertained to her father's land in Maine.

Finding the married names of the 2 granddaughters of Jacob Wesley Combs, Barrett & Shafer proved helpful.

Flow Charting Chains of Title

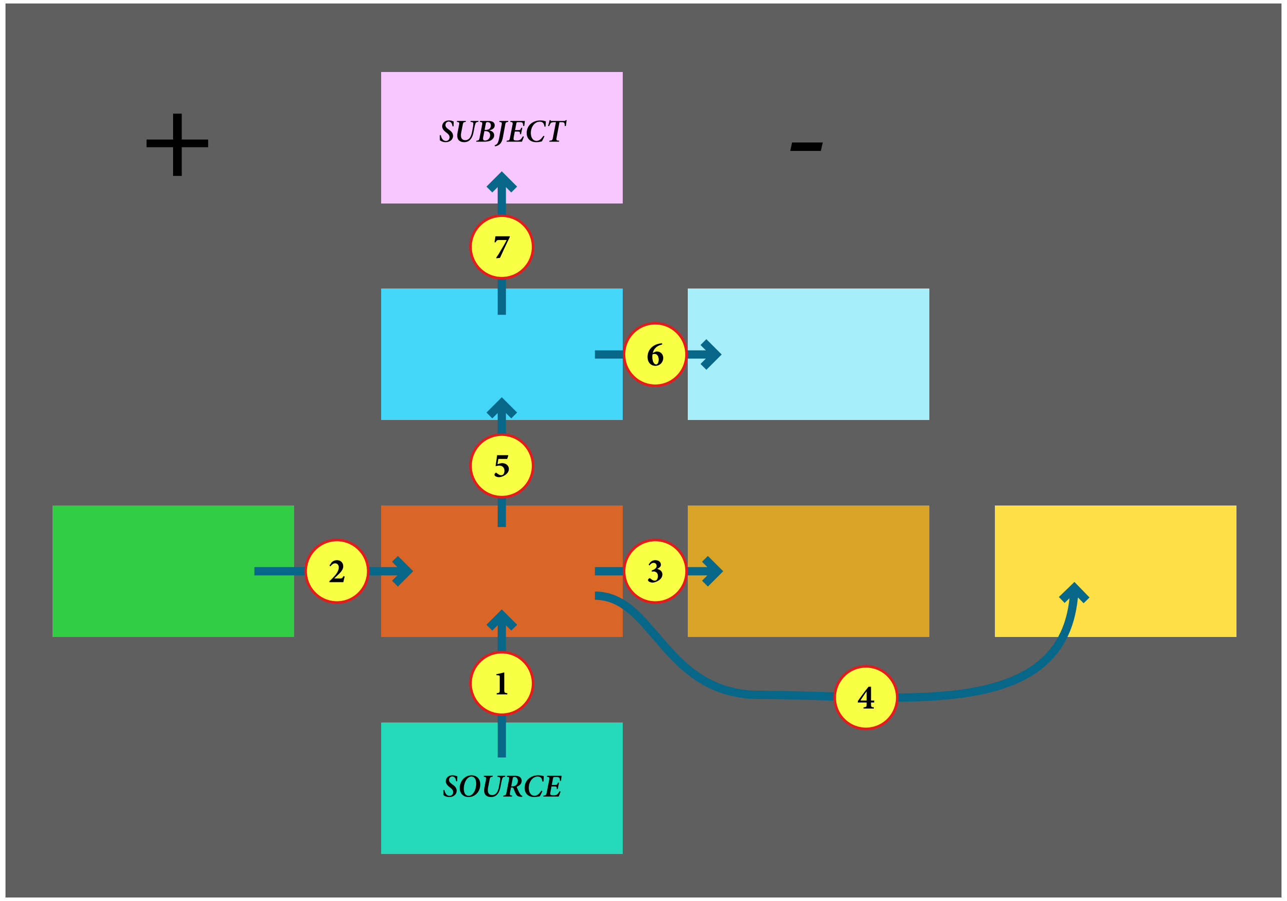
Chains of title for your subject property can get complicated and how you keep track of all the comings and goings of disparate interests distilled into the present deserves your consideration.

Conceptualizing the flow

Most generally, working from the present backward to some point in the past is the preferred order for researching land records when starting and there is positional certainty of locus; e.g., 169 Bayside Road; Tax Map 15, Lot 2; etc.; however at some historically distant point in your runnings, you'll frequently find the need to also run forward in time.

In the simple diagram to the right, the historian will likely see a *time line*, and the genealogist might look at the sequential numbers and think *decedent chart*, and they'd both be justified in making such terms. The accountant might look at the plus and minus and think of a *balance ledger*, and they too would be spot on. But there's more to it than the critically important and sequential ***when*** and just keeping track of unions and separations; additions and exceptions, there's the ***where***. Before you begin reading a deed, embrace its visualization.

While visualizing the parcel's physical proportions and location, also keep note of ***what*** exactly is being conveyed; e.g., undivided fractional interests; easements, both benefiting and burdening; life estates, other encumbrances or rights, etc.



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+ Additional parcels or other interests; disparate/elsewhere or aggregate

- Exceptions and Reservations; outsales of parcels or other interests

⑦ Sequence/ conveyance; date of instrument, book, page, recording date

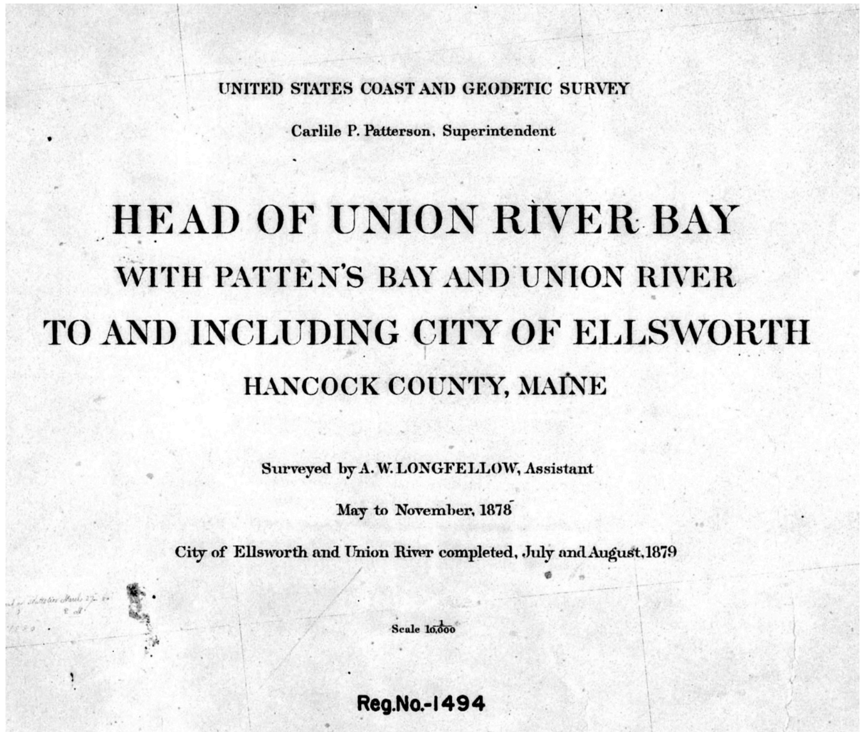
🟪 Grantor/Grantee/Parcel; fee, other rights, in whole or in part

Subject Property Examples

Many of the slides and examples above relate to 2 of the properties that are located along this stretch of the Union River, and to their owners, I am greatly appreciative for their permission to cite them in this discussion.

David & Kimberly Pede

FBC - Jordan Homestead



UNITED STATES COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Carlile P. Patterson, Superintendent

HEAD OF UNION RIVER BAY

WITH PATTEN'S BAY AND UNION RIVER

TO AND INCLUDING CITY OF ELLSWORTH

HANCOCK COUNTY, MAINE

Surveyed by A. W. LONGFELLOW, Assistant

May to November, 1878

City of Ellsworth and Union River completed, July and August, 1879

Scale $\frac{1}{10,000}$

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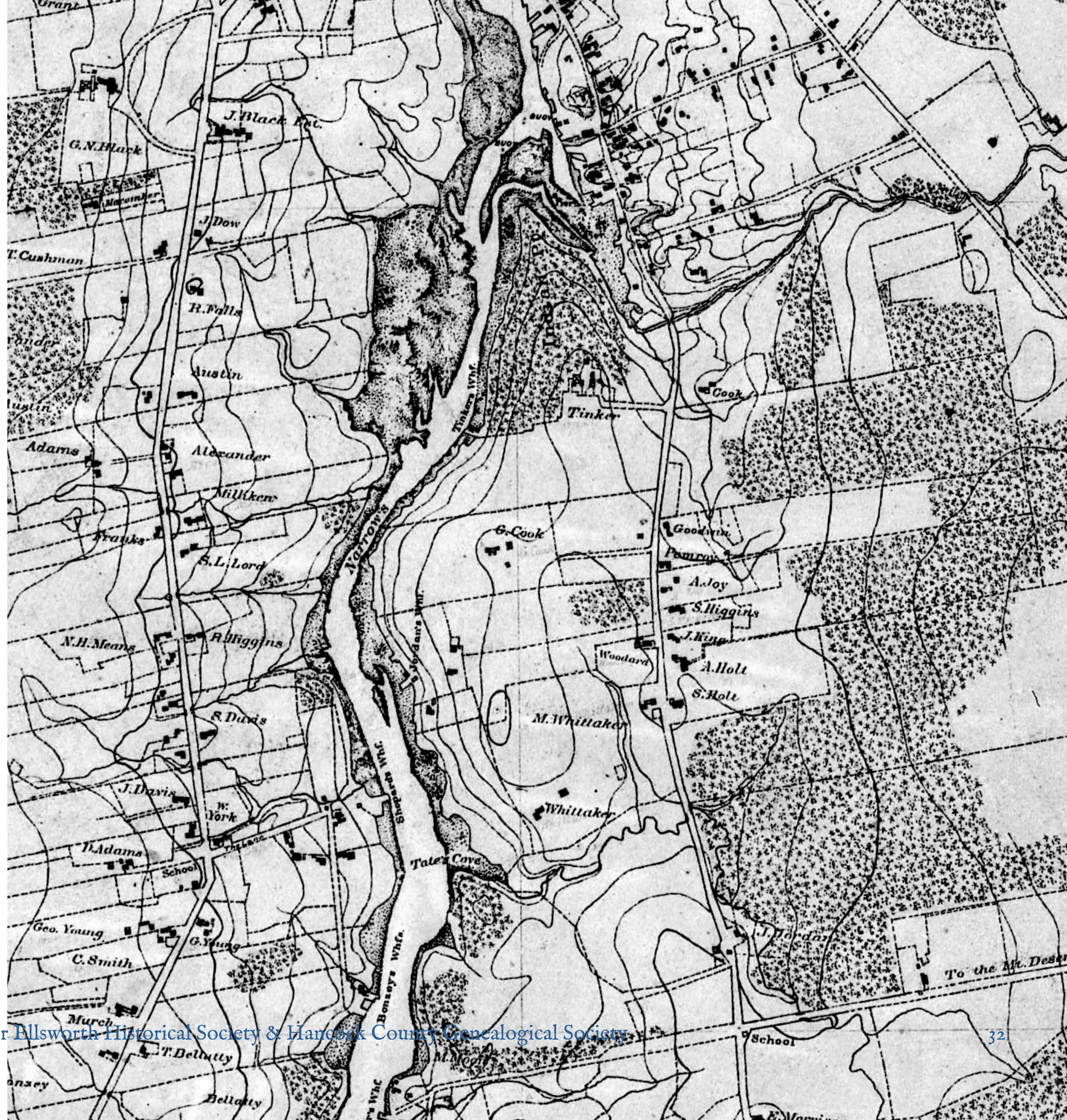
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- *CORPORATION (CORP)*
- *COURT DOCUMENT (COURT)*
- *DEED (DEED)*
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- *DIVORCE (DIV)*
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- *PROBATE (PRO)*
- *RESIDENTIAL (RES)*
- *SUBDIVISION (SUB)*
- *SURVEY (SUR)*
- *UCC FORM (UCC)*
- *FOR REFERENCE ONLY (FRO)*

Online Map Resources

In general, try and use one or two keywords in your search at the source repository that might have likely been used at the time when the map was originally scanned and indexed; e.g., Colby Atlas; or more broadly, search for ***Atlas***. Keep in mind that there may be multiple results of the same item, and when they're encountered, check out the duplicates, and determine which item was in the best condition when scanned, and is being offered at the highest resolution; the larger the image file size, the better for zooming in to see the greatest detail. Look for filtering options when your search results are numerous, and be sure to play around with using different filters individually, as well as trying different combinations of multiple filters.

For example, a search at the Boston Public Library's Leventhal Collection using the name, ***Osgood Carleton***, and then filtered by date range between 1786 and 1795. While you may start your map hunt looking for a specific item, keeping the keywords used to start your search more broadly increases your chances of finding other treasures in addition to the subject of your hunt.

Lastly, keep organized by creating logical parent folders, and sub-folders that are clearly named. This is very important if you ever hope to find that item on your local system in the future. When you download an image, save a link back to it at the same time as when you download the image, and save that link in the same folder location. It's easy to do by just dragging the padlock icon in the address bar from your browser and dropping it into an opened folder. If the default name of the link to the image's source URL is not unique, rename it to something that makes sense, and same goes for the default name of the image. For the example case with Osgood Carleton, a couple of variants examples of the same image for contrasting resolutions (and file sizes 1.5 MB & 6 MB).

- https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search/commonwealth:z603vg27d
- https://www.argomaps.org/maps/commonwealth:z603vg27d/

Happy hunting!

- https://digitalmaine.com/
- https://oshermaps.org/
- https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search
- https://www.loc.gov/
- https://www.argomaps.org/
- https://www.archives.gov/nhprc
- http://digitalarchives.sec.state.ma.us/index.php?name=SO_5ece7e79-91de-4b55-93e1-3f25f21ce8ed <- Massachusetts Archives Town Plans - 1794 - 1795
- https://archives.mainegenealogy.net/ <- Right side, Subject Index, Maps and then to their customized maps search engine
- https://www.mainegenealogy.net/map_search.asp <- includes list of sites used in their searches, but beware their searches may contain filters; e.g., date ranges, etc., transparent to the unaware user
- Maine Geological Survey (MGS) aerial image collection: https://digitalmaine.com/geological_survey/
- https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/explore/maps/airphotos/ and be sure to watch the 7-minute introductory video before diving into the user interface at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/9302fc819b974f79bdee01f5d9e36fab/
- T-Sheet explorer link: https://nsde.ngs.noaa.gov/

The making of this document was created using disparate bits of software. In particular and primarily: 1) Affinity Publisher, and 2) Global Mapper Pro with its rich toolset, played an essential role throughout the entire production process of this deed research guide. Other softwares used included Affinity Designer, PTGui Pro, Adobe Photoshop, and LibreOffice Calc. If I had to list the ingredients like on a box cereal with the significance of software elements in descending order, it would read:

Affinity Publisher
Global Mapper Pro
LibreOffice Calc
Adobe Photoshop
PTGui Pro
Affinity Designer

The book and its accompanying map, ***Mapping the Old Burial Ground*** were recently published by the City of Ellsworth. Hard copies can be purchased at City Hall and digital versions are free.

Direct PDF link [1]: https://digitalmaine.com/ellsworth_books/3/

Direct PDF link [2]: https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Mapping-the-Old-Burial-Ground-with-map-v20240720.pdf

Flipbook link: https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/government/boards-commissions/historic-preservation-committee/#flipbook-mapping-the-old-burial-grounds-july-2024/17/

For hard copies of ***Mapping the Old Burial Ground***, address your requests to Charles Pearce, Ellsworth City Manager, either by email (cpearce@ellsworthmaine.gov) or phone (207) 378-1717 and he will direct the staff as needed in filling your order. This is a temporary measure until the City's Cemetery Commission comes up with a more streamlined ordering system. If you come to City Hall in person, the books are located behind the City Clerk's counter. Copies of the first printing were limited to 50.

Thank you very much for your support in preserving the oldest surviving cemetery located in the heart of Ellsworth, and for promoting its historical and societal significance.

Kind regards,

Kelly

Mapping The Old Burial Ground
State Street, Ellsworth, Hancock County, Maine
By V. Kelly Bellis
The Old Burial Ground
With Schematic Boundaries
CHURCH STREET
HORIZON SURVEYING
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The map of ***Known* Cemeteries of Trenton, Hancock County, Maine*** was recently published and has been made available from the Trenton Town office - ** as of November 2024.*

This 2-page document includes the cemeteries that were enumerated in 1980, or thereabouts, by Joseph Lear, Jr. There are also 4 additional cemeteries added to his list.

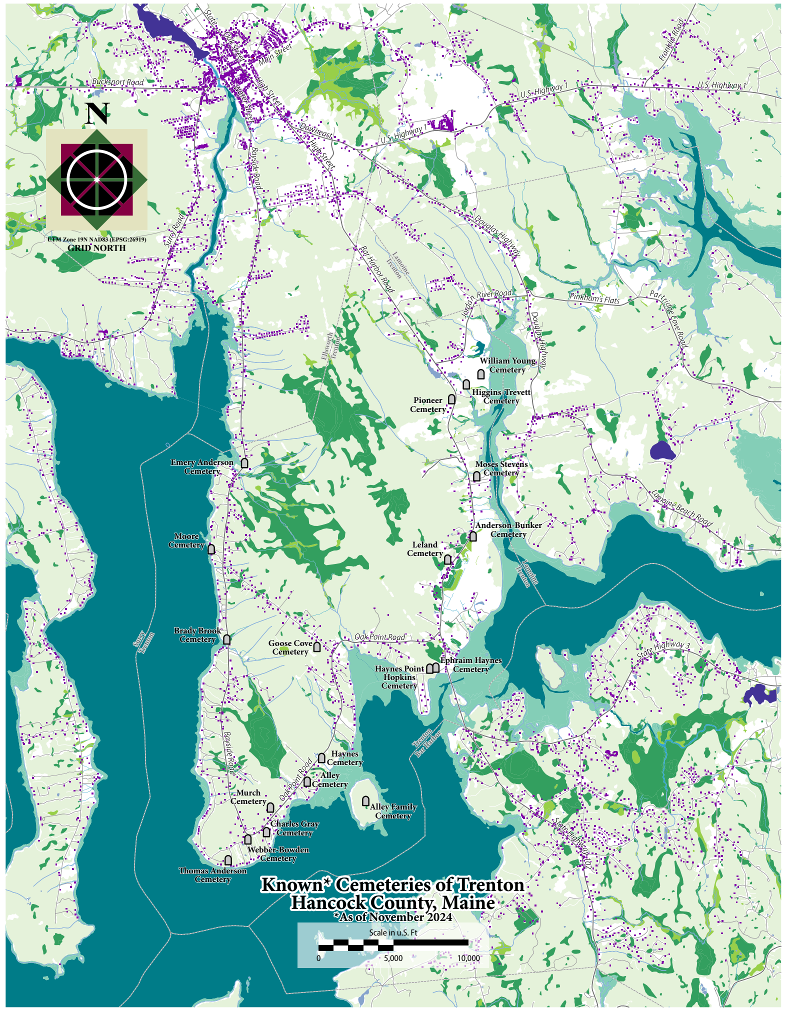
All listed cemeteries include Find-a-Grave (FAG) and Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) ID numbers and their respective embedded URL hyperlinks.

Direct PDF link [1]: https://www.trentonme.com/trenton-cemeteries-v20241130-0741/

Thank you very much for your support in preserving the these surviving cemeteries located in Trenton, and for promoting their historical and societal significance.

Kind regards,

Kelly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Moses Stevens Cemetery
Anderson-Bunker Cemetery
Leland Cemetery
Moore Cemetery
Brady Brook Cemetery
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Haynes Point Hopkins Cemetery
Ephraim Haynes Cemetery
Haynes Cemetery
Alley Cemetery
Alley Family Cemetery
Murch Cemetery
Charles Gray Cemetery
Webber-Bowden Cemetery
Thomas Anderson Cemetery
Harbor Road
Jordan River Road
Pinkham's Flats
Douglas Highway
Oak Point Road
Bayside Road
State Highway 102
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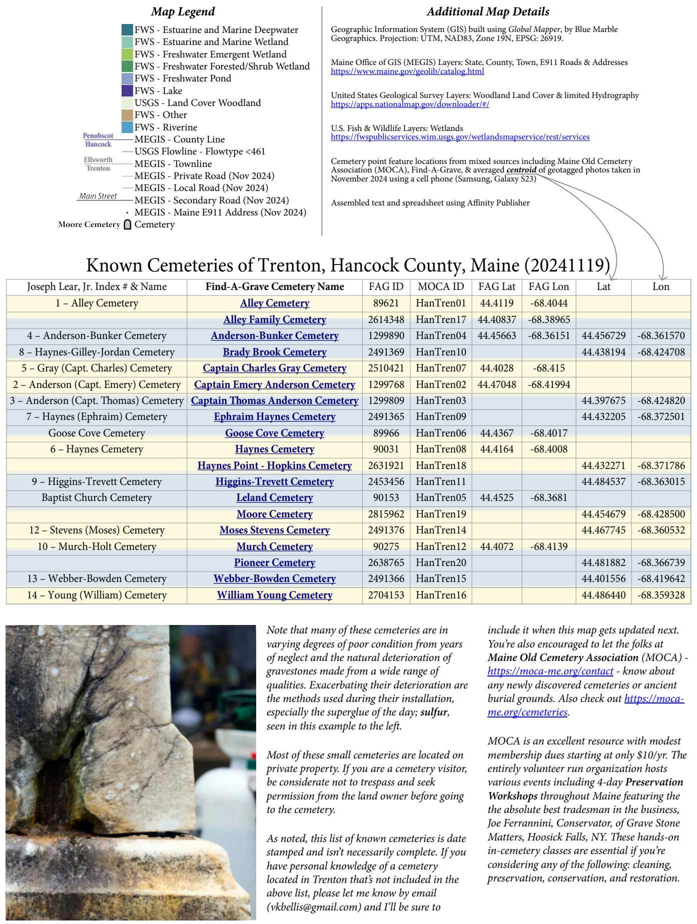

Map Legend

- 🟦 FWS - Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- 🟩 FWS - Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- 🟩 FWS - Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- 🟩 FWS - Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- 🟦 FWS - Freshwater Pond
- 🟪 FWS - Lake
- ⬜ USGS - Land Cover Woodland
- 🟫 FWS - Other
- 🟦 FWS - Riverine
- Penobscot / Hancock — MEGIS - County Line
- — USGS Flowline - Flowtype <461
- Ellsworth / Trenton - - - MEGIS - Townline
- — MEGIS - Private Road (Nov 2024)
- — MEGIS - Local Road (Nov 2024)
- Main Street — MEGIS - Secondary Road (Nov 2024)
- · MEGIS - Maine E911 Address (Nov 2024)
- Moore Cemetery ▢ Cemetery

Additional Map Details

Geographic Information System (GIS) built using *Global Mapper*, by Blue Marble Geographics. Projection: UTM, NAD83, Zone 19N, EPSG: 26919.

Maine Office of GIS (MEGIS) Layers: State, County, Town, E911 Roads & Addresses
https://www.maine.gov/geolib/catalog.html

United States Geological Survey Layers: Woodland Land Cover & limited Hydrography
https://apps.nationalmap.gov/downloader/#/

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Layers: Wetlands
https://fwspublicservices.wim.usgs.gov/wetlandsmapservice/rest/services

Cemetery point feature locations from mixed sources including Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA), Find-A-Grave, & averaged ***centroid*** of geotagged photos taken in November 2024 using a cell phone (Samsung, Galaxy S23)

Assembled text and spreadsheet using Affinity Publisher

Known Cemeteries of Trenton, Hancock County, Maine (20241119)

Joseph Lear, Jr. Index # & Name	**Find-A-Grave Cemetery Name**	FAG ID	MOCA ID	FAG Lat	FAG Lon	Lat	Lon
1 – Alley Cemetery	**Alley Cemetery**	89621	HanTren01	44.4119	-68.4044		
	Alley Family Cemetery	2614348	HanTren17	44.40837	-68.38965		
4 – Anderson-Bunker Cemetery	**Anderson-Bunker Cemetery**	1299890	HanTren04	44.45663	-68.36151	44.456729	-68.361570
8 – Haynes-Gilley-Jordan Cemetery	**Brady Brook Cemetery**	2491369	HanTren10			44.438194	-68.424708
5 – Gray (Capt. Charles) Cemetery	**Captain Charles Gray Cemetery**	2510421	HanTren07	44.4028	-68.415		
2 – Anderson (Capt. Emery) Cemetery	**Captain Emery Anderson Cemetery**	1299768	HanTren02	44.47048	-68.41994		
3 – Anderson (Capt. Thomas) Cemetery	**Captain Thomas Anderson Cemetery**	1299809	HanTren03			44.397675	-68.424820
7 – Haynes (Ephraim) Cemetery	**Ephraim Haynes Cemetery**	2491365	HanTren09			44.432205	-68.372501
Goose Cove Cemetery	**Goose Cove Cemetery**	89966	HanTren06	44.4367	-68.4017		
6 – Haynes Cemetery	**Haynes Cemetery**	90031	HanTren08	44.4164	-68.4008		
	Haynes Point - Hopkins Cemetery	2631921	HanTren18			44.432271	-68.371786
9 – Higgins-Trevett Cemetery	**Higgins-Trevett Cemetery**	2453456	HanTren11			44.484537	-68.363015
Baptist Church Cemetery	**Leland Cemetery**	90153	HanTren05	44.4525	-68.3681		
	Moore Cemetery	2815962	HanTren19			44.454679	-68.428500
12 – Stevens (Moses) Cemetery	**Moses Stevens Cemetery**	2491376	HanTren14			44.467745	-68.360532
10 – Murch-Holt Cemetery	**Murch Cemetery**	90275	HanTren12	44.4072	-68.4139		
	Pioneer Cemetery	2638765	HanTren20			44.481882	-68.366739
13 – Webber-Bowden Cemetery	**Webber-Bowden Cemetery**	2491366	HanTren15			44.401556	-68.419642
14 – Young (William) Cemetery	**William Young Cemetery**	2704153	HanTren16			44.486440	-68.359328

Note that many of these cemeteries are in varying degrees of poor condition from years of neglect and the natural deterioration of gravestones made from a wide range of qualities. Exacerbating their deterioration are the methods used during their installation, especially the superglue of the day; ***sulfur****, seen in this example to the left.*

Most of these small cemeteries are located on private property. If you are a cemetery visitor, be considerate not to trespass and seek permission from the land owner before going to the cemetery.

As noted, this list of known cemeteries is date stamped and isn't necessarily complete. If you have personal knowledge of a cemetery located in Trenton that's not included in the above list, please let me know by email (vkbellis@gmail.com) and I'll be sure to include it when this map gets updated next. You're also encouraged to let the folks at ***Maine Old Cemetery Association*** *(MOCA) - https://moca-me.org/contact - know about any newly discovered cemeteries or ancient burial grounds. Also check out https://moca-me.org/cemeteries.*

MOCA is an excellent resource with modest membership dues starting at only $10/yr. The entirely volunteer run organization hosts various events including 4-day ***Preservation Workshops*** *throughout Maine featuring the the absolute best tradesman in the business, Joe Ferrannini, Conservator, of Grave Stone Matters, Hoosick Falls, NY. These hands-on in-cemetery classes are essential if you're considering any of the following: cleaning, preservation, conservation, and restoration.*